

Small Group Study Guide

They Did Not Repent – Revelation 9:1–21

Introduction

This chapter of Revelation echoes the hardness of Pharaoh's heart in the book of Exodus. Despite overwhelming judgment and torment, many still refuse to repent and turn to God. This study explores the spiritual warfare behind the trumpet judgments and the persistent mercy of God even in judgment.

Read Revelation 9:1–21

Key Truths

- God's judgment unfolds in phases, revealing both justice and mercy.
- The fifth and sixth trumpets unleash demonic and deadly forces.
- Spiritual blindness leads to hardened hearts despite suffering.
- God seals and protects His own.
- Repentance is still possible, but many refuse to turn to God.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Revelation 9 compare to the plagues of Egypt in Exodus?
2. Why do you think people would rather suffer than repent?
3. What does the text reveal about the nature of spiritual warfare?
4. How can we live in light of the reality of both God's justice and mercy?
5. Have you ever experienced a time when suffering brought you closer to God? Share your story.

Apply

Even in judgment, God is calling people to Himself. This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts: Are we quick to repent? Are we holding onto anything God is calling us to release? Take time to pray and ask God to soften your heart to His voice.

Prayer Focus

Pray for hearts that respond to God with repentance. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area of unrepented sin. Intercede for those who are far from God, that they would not harden their hearts, but turn to Jesus in faith.