

### *I. Check-In*

- Check in. How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: Read one of the following scripture and be prepared to talk about it next week: Revelation 17-18

### *II. Scripture*

the seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman is seated. They are also seven kings, five of whom have fallen, one is, the other has yet to come, and when he does come, he must remain only a little while. **Rev. 17:9-10**

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.” **Rev. 18:2-3**

### *V. Prayer Requests*

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

### *IV. Challenge*

Read Revelation 19-20. Take notes about what stood out to you and why. Feel free to ask as many questions as necessary.

### *III. Discussion Questions*

- What stood out to you from this weeks scripture?
  - Can you think of a time when you felt like people in power sometimes abuse it and hurt others with it? Give an example of this.
    - What did things look like before they took power and what will it look like after they are no longer in power?
  - Without understanding the context, what did the description of the beast make you think of at first? What is your understanding of reading Ezekiel 23?
  - Pastor Fernie gave us this explanation of who the beat represents: the 7 mountains representing the 7 hills that Rome sat on and the seven heads representing the five empires that have ruled over them, the one that currently is, and the one that is yet to come. How does your understanding of the beast and the prostitute change with this understanding?
- The seventh head represents a kingdom that has not arrived yet but will someday come. Some examples of these are the Nazis during WWII and the drug cartels in Latin America. What other powers have risen throughout history that would fit this representation of the kingdom that has not yet arrived? What has been the effect of these kingdoms and how/why did they eventually fall?
  - In his revelation, John tells us that when Babylon fell, the people and systems that profited from their rule backed away in order to avoid the same repercussions. What are some modern day examples of this?