

# The Facilitator

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Community Groups @ Trinity Presbyterian Church

12/4/16

**Text: Revelation 20:1-6, 11-15**

**Title: All Accounts Settled**

**Teacher: Tim Rice**

## **Surrender through Prayer:**

*Surrender through prayers for Illumination and Transformation, asking that Jesus would meet with you in this time.*

## **Engage with the Sermon**

*Read the passage together.*

In his sermon, Tim discussed the great deal of difficulty with which we approach the mystery and symbolism of the book of Revelation. While acknowledging the multitude of questions that could be raised in Chapter 20, and accounting for the historical, physical and spiritual nature of our text, the truth and theme still shine through; Jesus Wins! Like an artist's gallery depicting the Cubs winning the world series, we have pictures of God's sovereign rule, the real battle between God and Satan, and the final victory of Jesus over the evil in the world, and the evil of sin in our hearts. The question to consider is, will we let go of our independence and autonomy to come under the all-knowing and all-powerful God; to let Him simultaneously see the depths of our sin and brokenness and have mercy on us by covering us with the saving blood of Jesus?

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. *(Tim gave the illustration of a disgruntled Parent calling a teacher to dispute the grade their child received, rather than seeking counsel from the teacher in how better to train the child. The teacher's actions are seen as undermining the child's future endeavors.)*

**Where in your life is it most common for you to view God's (or someone else's) actions as undermining the plans you have for your life and your future?**

**What makes it easy or hard to do things God's way and follow His plan?**

2. *(Tim said there are two options in this life that have been present since Adam and Eve. We can either try to cover ourselves in our autonomy, or we can be covered and clothed by God. We can either be judged by the works we've done at the final judgment, or our name can be written in the Lamb's book of life and we depend on the work of Jesus.)*

**What part of your sin or brokenness are you still trying to hide from God and your neighbor?**

**What part of your sin or brokenness are you still trying to cover yourself rather than be fully known and covered by the blood of Jesus?**

**How Does Jesus' victory give you hope?**

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## **A.C.T.S.**

### **1. ADORATION**

*What draws you to Adore and Praise God for His attributes and Actions?*

*Worship the LORD, God Almighty for His sovereignty. Praise Him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that He is infinite and ultimate - that He is all-knowing and all-powerful and that no one can conquer Him.*

### **2. CONFESSION**

*How has this sermon brought to mind sin that you need to Confess and Repent of?*

*How have you lived selfishly, trying to preserve your own independence and evade accountability? Confess your prideful rebellion to Jesus, asking Him to forgive you and to change your heart to truly be loyal.*

### **3. THANKSGIVING**

*What has drawn you to thank Jesus for his salvation (past, present, future)?*

*Give thanks to Jesus for His victory over all evil - both in defeating Satan and in conquering the evil in all who turn to Him in faith. Thank Him for being able to remove your sin and put within you His own loving Spirit.*

### **4. SUPPLICATION**

*In what particular ways do you need Holy Spirit to transform you?*

*Ask the Holy Spirit to give you hope in the face of final judgment, because of Jesus' work to atone for us. Pray for assurance in how He covers the guilty by His death in contrast to trying to cover yourself by your own efforts.*

## **Prepare for Gospel Community:**

*What has God taught you today that you could share with someone else?*

*Who could you share this with today?*

*Who do you know that doubts God's judgment of all people? Pray for them, asking the Lord to open their eyes to their peril and that He would give you words in how to help them.*