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WARM UP QUESTIONS: What is your "go to" way to rest when you feel worn and are tired of standing?

READ: Revelation 6:17, 7:9-10

FOCUS: In the face of tribulation, we can stand secure in Christ.

OBSERVE:

The seven seals are opened by Christ and revealed.

• Each of the seals reveal some aspect of the tribulation, so they help us to understand what we will face when we stand secure in the face of tribulation.

We stand together united.

- All of the people are worshiping together "before the throne and before the Lamb." God's people both rejoice and suffer together, building each other up in times of difficulty and praying for one another.
- The enemy is aware that we are more vulnerable when we are divided, so we must stand united.

We stand by testifying about God's truth and goodness, especially through singing and worship.

 God's people sing about Jesus, proclaiming His truth and goodness. Worship through praise personally and collectively—is critical in times of tribulation. We can declare the victory of Christ and see its benefits in our lives.

We stand by surrendering our entire lives to the victorious Lamb.

- The people surrounding Jesus' throne throw down palm branches, symbolizing the kingship of Jesus.
- Jesus Christ must be Lord of our whole lives, not just one area.

We stand by the grace of God.

- We receive the seal of God not based on our good deeds, or our own righteousness or piety. We receive it through accepting Jesus' perfect life, death and resurrection as a sacrifice in our place.
- We are dressed in white garments that Jesus deserved, but gave to us, by the grace of God.

TAKE ACTION:

• As a church family, we believe that we are stronger together. Consider this week, when can you set aside time to join your spiritual community in serving, fellowshiping and praying with other believers to strengthen your faith?

REFLECT:

- How have you seen the effects of the anti-christ spirit in modern times? How will you respond?
- In what way is there evidence in your life that Christ is seated on the throne of your heart, your decisions and your relationships? Do you have any hesitations about giving up control in a certain area?

PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, You alone reign over all. We praise You. You are eternally sovereign and You promise to be with us in the midst of our trials. You are also forever faithful and we are forever grateful. We pray these things in Jesus' name, Amen.

