

**Royal Redeemer
Going Deeper Guide**



Under the Circumstances
LEADING IN
ANXIOUS TIMES

Based on the sermon for November 3, 2024
Under the Circumstances: Leading in Anxious Times
The Essential Edge

**For personal reflection or for use as a devotion
with a CGS Community or family**

● **Begin by reflecting on/sharing a high and/or a low from your week**

● **CONNECT**

o Would you rather never be hungry again or never be thirsty again?

● **GROW**

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice: “Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying: “Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

13 Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

14 I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. 17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

Revelation 7:9-17

o Share any words or phrases that speak into your life today.

o In verse 9, John sees “a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language.” What might this diversity indicate about God’s Kingdom, especially in the context of Revelation’s original audience?

o How does the act of worship appear throughout Revelation, and why do you think it’s central to the visions John receives, especially here in this heavenly scene?

- o Verse 14 explains that the multitude has washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. What does this imagery suggest about the nature of salvation and purity in God's Kingdom?
- o In verse 17, the Lamb is both the shepherd and the source of life. How does this dual role impact our understanding of Jesus' relationship to His people and His role in God's Kingdom?
- o Verses 15-17 describe God's presence as sheltering and comforting the multitude. How does this imagery provide hope, especially to those enduring suffering or persecution?
- o How does the image of the multitude enduring "the great tribulation" in verse 14 encourage believers to remain steadfast in their faith, even through difficulties?
- o Verse 16 promises an end to hunger, thirst, and suffering. What might this vision mean for people facing hardship today, and how can it shape our hope as we face struggles?
- o The multitude holds palm branches, symbols of victory and peace. Why might this be significant for understanding the outcome of faithful endurance, and how does it speak to God's ultimate victory?
- o In times of personal or communal struggle, how can the hope and promises found in Revelation 7:9-17 encourage and sustain us? What practical ways can we remind ourselves and others of God's ultimate care and victory?

- **SERVE** *others*

During the month of December Royal Redeemer will be participating once again in Operation Christmas Child, an organization that seeks to bring the message of Christ's birth to every corner of the world through the giving of Christmas presents. This year we are asking that folks grab a shoebox from the Commons, fill it up as per the instructions, and return it by November 24th.

To learn more about Operation Christmas Child or make a donation online, please visit samaritanspurse.org.

- **End with Prayer, the Lord's Prayer, or a short Blessing**