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Discipleship 101 in Turbulent Times: Part 3– “Look to the Shepherd Lamb”

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Our Mission: Develop fully committed followers of Christ

Seventh-day Adventists are a prophetic movement raised up by God to make disciples who are _____ and are preparing _____ for Jesus’ soon return.

1. How does the Bible’s last book describe the coming of Jesus, the Son of Man?

☛ **Revelation 14:14-17** Answer: The Son of Man’s return is the _____ of the earth.

2. How does John describe a special group of Jesus’ committed followers?

☛ **Revelation 14:1-5** Answer: In eternity, the 144,000 get to follow Jesus “_____ he goes.” This is the ultimate discipleship experience!

“But all who follow the Lamb in heaven will first have followed Him on earth, in trustful, loving, willing obedience, followed Him not fretfully and capriciously, but confidently, truthfully, as the flock follows the shepherd. . . .” Ellen White, 3 Selected Messages, p. 424

Discipleship application: Being a disciple, a follower of Jesus, goes far beyond our earthly walk with Him. As last day disciple makers we’re not only helping people with their daily walk with Jesus; we’re not only preparing them to be ready for Christ’s return; but we’re getting ourselves and them ready to _____ on walking close with Jesus throughout eternity.

Question: Has your walk with Jesus this past week placed your feet on the path to keep walking with Him into and in eternity? If not, through God’s power and grace, what needs to change?

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Further description of the 144,000:

–They seem, like Elijah, to be taken to heaven without experiencing death. (see Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White, p. 57)

–They receive the seal of God (Rev. 7:4) and are therefore able to stand through earth’s final events.

3. Are the 144,000 the only ones going to heaven when Jesus returns?

☛ **Revelation 7:9-17**; Answer: Heaven is not limited to just 144,000 individuals! There are _____ others who will serve God and follow the Shepherd Lamb. It’s all about pointing to and being with Jesus.

Question: How are you responding to your awesome destiny–144,000 or the great multitude?

Discipleship application: We can express our gratitude by participating in the final Elijah mission and message found in Revelation 14.

Similarities between Elijah’s messages and the Three Angel’s messages in Revelation 14:6-12:

- A. The gospel demonstrated precedes judgment and results in worship: “And he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth.” 14:6
- B. True worship is _____: “Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.” 14:7
- C. Time for _____ followed by judgment against false worshipers: “Fallen! Fallen is Babylon” 14:8; “Come out of her [Babylon]” 18:4; “If anyone worships the beast . . . he, too, will drink of the wine of God’s fury.” 14:9,10
- D. _____ emphasized: “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God.” 14:12 KJV

Conclusion: Our’s is a bold, prophetically ordained mission and message! What a glorious destiny is ours as a last day Elijah Movement. We can point people away from false beliefs and views about God to the biblical truths about our great Shepherd Lamb. And we can fulfill this disciple making mission with great assurance knowing Jesus will be with us until He comes!