

2023-2024 BSP#10 Group Time Discussion

(A) 為查考和認識的題目 Questions for Studying and Understanding (10 minutes)

1. 《默示錄》第 11 章的預言性敘述，用兩位見證人描述了教會的使命。今天的基督徒可以從中學到什麼關於福傳的知識？
 - a. 我們被提醒，基督派遣我們成為祂的見證人，給世界見證。
 - b. 我們的信息是關於耶穌的；我們是“燈台”，目的是透過言語和行為為周圍的人帶來光明。
 - c. 我們被提醒要大膽說話，因為我們「立在大地的主宰前」（11:4），祂的神賦予我們力量並透過我們說話（谷 13:11）。
 - d. 可以預見，我們會遇到強烈的反對。
 - e. 面對敵意，我們被要求要勇敢、忍耐。如果這是祂的旨意，我們甚至會犧牲自己的生命來征服（12:11）。

What may Christians today learn about evangelization from the prophetic narrative of Rev 11 that depicts the Church's mission through the two witnesses?

- a. We are reminded that Christ has commissioned us to be his witnesses to the world.
 - b. Our message is about Jesus; we are “lampstands” intended to bring light to those around us in word and deed.
 - c. We are reminded to speak boldly since we “stand before the Lord of the earth” (11:4) whose Spirit empowers and speaks through us (Mk 13:11).
 - d. We can expect that we will encounter stiff opposition.
 - e. In the face of hostility, we are called to be courageous and to endure. If it be his will, we will conquer by laying down our lives (12:11).
2. 吹第七號角後「天上就發出大聲音」，慶祝世上的王權要從「那毀壞大地之人」轉移基督手上。這真理得勝，邪惡勢力被打敗的記述與舊約攻陷耶里哥城的記述(見蘇 6)有何相似的地方？這是偶然嗎？

After the seventh trumpet is blown, "there were loud voices in heaven" to celebrate the transfer of the kingship of the world from "those who destroy the earth" to Christ. How is this account of the victory of truth and the defeat of evil forces similar to the Old Testament account of the capture of the city of Jericho (see Joshua 6)? Is this a coincidence?

(B) 為反思和應用的題目。Reflection and application question (15 minutes)

默 11:2 預告著教會(即聖殿) 要被世界(即異民) 攻擊踐踏，長達「四十二個月」之久(即整個教會歷史，見 CCSS p.189)。天使又吩咐若望測量聖殿時，不要包括被異民踐踏的聖殿外面的庭院(即這些地方不屬聖殿/教會的一部份)。你認為今天的教會在甚麼事情上被異民踐踏？請清楚說明踐踏她的「異民」是甚麼人。為甚麼你會或不會認同這些人呢？如何避免自己成為「異民」？

Revelation 11:2 predicts that the Church (i.e. the temple) will be attacked and trampled down by the world (i.e. the Gentiles) for "forty-two months" (i.e. the entire church history, see CCSS p.189). The angel also told John that when he measured the temple, he should not include the outer court of the temple that was trampled by the Gentiles (i.e. it was not part of the temple/church). In what ways do you think the church today is being trampled upon by the Gentiles? Please clearly explain who the "Gentiles" are who trample on her. Why would you identify or not identify with these people? How to avoid becoming the "Gentiles"?