# Table Host Discussion Guide

## Week 8: The Lamb and the Lie

This week, Revelation 14–16 draws a sharp contrast between the Lamb and the counterfeits that oppose Him. John sees the 144,000 standing victoriously with Jesus, marked with God's name and described as those who "follow the Lamb wherever he goes." Though some have suffered and died, they have not been defeated—they belong to Christ and are secure with Him. Three angels then announce the eternal gospel, the certain fall of Babylon, and judgment upon those who worship the beast. As the vision continues, Revelation warns that deception can look spiritual. The false prophet performs signs, just as Pharaoh's magicians imitated God's power in Exodus, reminding us that something appearing supernatural does not prove that it comes from God. The bowl judgments continue the Exodus imagery as God judges the oppressive power that has opposed His people. Throughout these chapters, Jesus repeatedly calls His people to remain faithful: **Love the truth. Follow the Lamb. Stay awake.**

## Discussion Questions

### 1. What does the picture of the 144,000 with the Lamb teach us about belonging to Jesus and true victory?

**Application:** What might it look like for you to "follow the Lamb wherever he goes" when obedience becomes uncomfortable or costly? How does knowing that you belong to Jesus change how you define victory?

### 2. What do Revelation and 2 Thessalonians teach us about the danger of spiritual deception?

**Application:** What makes spiritual-sounding claims especially persuasive? How can knowing Scripture help you distinguish between something that merely sounds spiritual and something that is actually true?

### 3. What do the Song of Moses and the bowls of judgment teach us about God's deliverance and our response to Him?

**Application:** What does hardship tend to expose in your own heart? How can you allow difficulty to drive you toward repentance and deeper dependence on God rather than bitterness or resistance?

### 4. Why does Jesus warn His people to "stay awake" in the middle of the deception and gathering at Armageddon?

**Application:** What things—comfort, fear, emotion, spectacle, cultural pressure, or spiritual-sounding claims—are most likely to distract you from Jesus? What helps you stay spiritually awake?

### 5. What do Revelation 14–16 reveal about Jesus?

**Application:** Which picture of Jesus from these chapters most strengthens your faith right now? How would your choices change this week if you lived with greater confidence that every counterfeit kingdom will fall, but the Lamb reigns forever?