

## SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JULY 20, 2014

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**Sermon Series:** The Lion, The Lamb, Our Savior

**Sermon:** "The Final Word on Evil"

**Scripture:** Revelation 7:9-17

**Preaching:** Eric Stiller

1. The world is filled with evil and suffering. What are some typical responses? What are ways you tend to respond when faced with some great evil, whether that which happens around you or that which happens to you personally?
2. There is a lot of imagery in this passage, but one image predominates, appearing in verses 9, 10, 11 (2x), 15 (2x), and 17. What is it? What might it signify?
3. At the end of chapter 6, we are told that God's wrath is coming upon the earth, and the question is asked "Who can stand?" (expecting the answer "No one"). What does this tell us about the source and nature of evil in the world? Who or what is responsible for it?
4. How is it that this multitude is able to stand before the throne (see verse 14)? What (or who) qualifies us to stand before God without fear of judgment?
5. Upon what are the multitude, the angels, the elders, and the living creatures focused in this passage (cf. question 2)? What are they doing as they focus there? Why can they do it? What does that suggest to us about how we might face evil and suffering in this world?