



### Week 3: House Hopes

## HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

There are four crucial components for a group to maintain its health: **Word, prayer, relationships, and reaching out.** In this guide, you will study the biblical passage in three steps: **observation, interpretation, and application.** As the group leader, you are free to use any part of this guide that can assist you in achieving this goal.

## CONNECT

- What is one high and one low from your past week?
- Where do you usually look for hope or joy when life feels heavy or uncertain?
- If you could describe your vision of “a perfect future world,” what would it look like?

## INTRODUCTION

In America, many place their hope and joy in success, relationships, self-expression, entertainment, or causes. Culture often says: “*Hope in what you can build. Joy in what you can buy or achieve.*” But Christ says: “*Hope in Me. Joy in My presence, My promises, and My coming Kingdom.*”

*In Revelation 7:9-12, God pulls back the curtain to show us His vision of the future – a vast, redeemed multitude from every nation, tribe, and language, gathered in worship before the throne. This passage reminds us that our hope is not in ourselves or our circumstances but in the Lamb who saves.*

## OBSERVATIONS & INTERPRETATION

**Read:** Revelation 7:9-12

- What does it mean that this multitude comes “from every nation, tribe, people, and language”? How is this different from how our culture often talks about diversity?
- Why are the people clothed in white robes and holding palm branches? What do these symbols mean?
- What do the angels, elders, and living creatures show us about the true “center of gravity” in heaven?
- Compare this heavenly vision to our church’s vision statement (disciples from every background, Spirit-saturated diversity, equipping the next generation, etc.). How do they align?

## APPLICATION

- How does this vision of the future shape the way we live right now?
- Revelation shows a countless multitude. How does that motivate us toward evangelism and disciple-making today?
- A.W. Tozer wrote that true unity comes not by looking at each other but by being tuned to Christ. What does it look like in your life to “tune” yourself to Jesus

## PRAYER

- Thank God for the hope and joy we have in Christ’s presence, promises, and coming Kingdom.
- Pray for our church to live in line with God’s vision – disciples from every background, unified in Jesus.
- Pray for courage to invite others into this multitude and to echo heaven’s cry: “*Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!*”