

## Discussion Questions

### To Prophecy the Mystery II (Meditations on a Cheeseburger)

#### Revelation 10:1-11:13

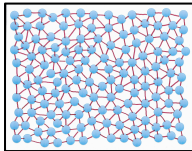
(Share about a time in your life when you “tasted and saw that the Lord is *good*”—when you felt filled and satisfied by Him. What proceeded that time? What followed that time?)

We often hear it said that we need to “apply” the word of God to our lives. In this message, Peter used a cheeseburger as an analogy for the Word of God and shared how throughout Scripture people are told to eat the word—“the scroll” not just to apply it or regurgitate it. Like a child playing with his food, he stuck pickles from the burger on his face as an example of how ridiculous “application” can be. And as an example of a Pharisaical way of *using* the Word for our own purposes, he talked about a sheep chewing on its food and regurgitating it saying, “Look God! Look everyone! I ate my dinner.” God desires that we eat the word—not just play with it or use it for personal glory or gain; we are to ingest the Gospel and Jesus is the Gospel (John 6:53-58).

- Can you think of times where you tried to apply the Scriptures or tried to regurgitate them and/or others around you did? What was the result? Did you learn anything from this experience?
- In your life, what might eating, ingesting, and actually digesting the Word look like?
- What’s your favorite way to “eat the Word”? How do you most fully experience and taste the sweetness of the Gospel? What kinds of practices help you ingest and digest Him?

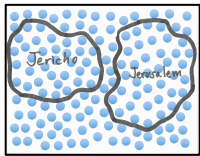
When we feast on the goodness of God, simply enjoying Him and being filled by Him, our outlook on the world changes. We see the goodness of His Love and Him alive and at work in our world.

When you think about our world, which do you see?



Billions of souls that all belong to each other in a communion of Love that is Life?

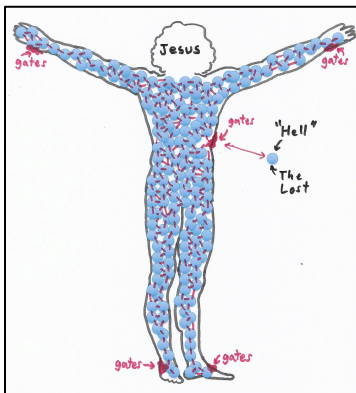
Or this:



Billions of souls all competing with each other for Life, which is actually death?

“Believing that God loves some, and endlessly torments others is not the Good News.” If you believe that way you won’t be a testimony to the Gospel you will testify to “Dividing walls of hostility and the principalities and powers of this world—cancer . . . but worse than a cancer—a lie about Christ that keeps other people from Christ.” —Peter Hiett

- How does building walls hurt the Church, our world as a whole?
- How could seeing and loving the entire world (Matt. 25:34-40) we live in now as the Body of Christ—being unveiled in time and space—change the way you see yourself and others?



Take a good look at the above image.

- How do the lost—those who believe a lie about not being part of the Body of Christ enter the Body? Where are the gates? What happened to Christ at each of those places?
- What might that reveal to us about our own suffering and wounds?
- In the above image, how do you think the life-giving blood of Christ flows out to the world—so that they might “taste and see that the Lord is good?”
- How might God use our wounds and the power of forgiveness in the midst of them to break down walls of hostility and open gateways to the Kingdom for those who are lost?

“To testify to Jesus is to prophesy a mystery. More than that: your life is to be a testimony of Jesus—actually the manifestation. Jesus said, *‘I didn’t come to abolish the law but to fulfill the law.’* Do you see? He fulfills it in you. Jesus is like a cheeseburger . . . and He fulfills the law in you. “We all eat the same mysterious Gospel cheeseburger, but we are each a unique, and indispensable, prophetic testimony of Jesus. (One cheeseburger but entirely different results from each person who eats it).”—Peter Hiett

- Take a moment to ask the Lord how He might want you to uniquely testify to the Gospel.
- Do new and creative ideas of how to love Him and/or your neighbor stir in you when you sit in His presence?
- How might He be inviting you to uniquely express His love?

Many biblical scholars see the Song of Solomon as a picture of Christ’s love relationship with His Bride—the Church. In Song of Solomon the friends give a charge to the lovers saying, “Eat, friends, and drink; drink your fill of love” (Song of Solomon 5:1).

- This week, consider setting some time aside to eat and drink your fill of God’s love.

*\*These questions were created by Kimberly Weynen*