

CONVERSATION STARTERS

SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Jan 4, 2026

EAT TOGETHER | *Showing up regularly to share life and build relationships*

1. Share a meaningful experience from Christmas.
2. As you look to 2026, what are you looking forward to?
3. How are you feeling about getting back into the Book of Revelation?

PRAY TOGETHER | *Joining in on conversations of life and faith*

1. We encourage you to watch as a group, the message [recap](#) to review the big ideas of the message. This will refresh our memories and result in richer conversations.
2. On Sunday, we looked at the story of the 7 Seals. Tom described the first 4 seals as representing the negative impact of sin; specifically, conquest, violence, famine/injustice, and death. Where do we see these realities playing out in our world today?
3. In the 5th Seal, we see those directly impacted by sin – the martyrs – crying out to God for vengeance. If you're willing to be open with your Life Group, share about a time/times when you wondered why God doesn't deal more harshly with "bad" people in our world?
4. In the Story of the 7 Seals, we see 3 different responses to sin:
 - a. A desire for vengeance against those who've sinned against us
 - b. An attempt to hide, escape, or run away from judgment
 - c. Embracing the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus, through his blood shed at the cross

Which of these responses describes your typical response to the realities of sin in our world? How might the grace of God that we long to receive shape our perspective towards the sins of others?

LOVE TOGETHER | *Being real to care and make a difference*

For personal contemplation this week:

1. Have you ever prayed/hoped for God to get back at those who've hurt or harmed you?
2. The 7th Seal is a moment of silence before God—an expression of worship and awe, an experience of peace and rest. Consider spending a few moments in silent prayer, thanking God for Christ's sacrifice, and inviting the blood of Jesus to wash us clean.
3. Then, take a few moments to pray for those in our world who are currently experiencing injustice. i.e. Palestinians, Ukrainians, Indigenous people, etc.