

# CONVERSATION STARTERS

## SOUTHRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

April 12, 2026

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

1. We are on the homeward stretch of Revelation. What has inspired you? What has surprised you?

### 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. In Revelation 17, John depicts the Empire as a prostitute - a way of describing her idolatry, or spiritual unfaithfulness to God. In what ways does the world in which we live promote modern-day version of idolatry, inspiring people to be devoted to things other than Jesus?
3. In the end, John describes how Empire inevitably falls, turning against itself and self-destructing. Where do we see the anti-Jesus systems and structures in our world self-destructing? Why do you think Empires always fall?
4. Read Revelation 18:12-13. Rome's excessive wealthy and luxury was the result of an economy built on the back of human slavery. What parallels do we see in our world today? How aware are you of the connection between human trafficking in other parts of the world and the standard of living we enjoy here in our part of the world?
5. All human beings bear the image of God. As such, all dehumanizing behaviour is an affront to God. In what ways do people here in Niagara experience de-humanizing oppression and exploitation?

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

#### For personal contemplation this week:

1. Read Revelation 18:4. John urges us to "come out" of Empire, separating ourselves from a culture that values luxury over lives; wealth over human worth. What are some examples of ways we can separate ourselves from the Empire?
2. Read Revelation 18:9-11. John says that those who profit from Empire's mistreatment of people mourn her demise. If God were to bring judgment against the prevailing powers in our world today, would you see this as good news? How might it impact the comfort and security you enjoy?
3. Share with your group one big idea that you learned or impacted you from this message, which you can hold onto this week? How might you put that into practice