**“THE TIME OF HARVEST HAS COME!”**

**Revelation 14:14-20**

***Sermon Review***

*What was the Main Idea of the Sermon from Sunday?*

*What was the most impactful part of the Sermon for you?*

***SMALL GROUP LESSON***

1. What do you think is the average person’s view of heaven?
2. Why do you think death is personified as the Grim Reaper?
3. Why do you think the concept of divine wrath has fallen out of favor with many who consider themselves to be Christians?

**Revelation 14:14–20 (NLT)**

14Then I saw a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was someone like the Son of Man. He had a gold crown on his head and a sharp sickle in his hand.

15Then another angel came from the Temple and shouted to the one sitting on the cloud, “Swing the sickle, for the time of harvest has come; the crop on earth is ripe.”

16So the one sitting on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the whole earth was harvested.

17After that, another angel came from the Temple in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

18Then another angel, who had power to destroy with fire, came from the altar. He shouted to the angel with the sharp sickle, “Swing your sickle now to gather the clusters of grapes from the vines of the earth, for they are ripe for judgment.”

19So the angel swung his sickle over the earth and loaded the grapes into the great winepress of God’s wrath.

20The grapes were trampled in the winepress outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress in a stream about 180 miles long and as high as a horse’s bridle.

***EXPLORE***

* + - 1. What unusual instrument did the one “like a son of man” have in his possession? (14:14)
      2. What did the angel from the heavenly temple tell the other angel to do? Why? (14:15)
      3. How did the one seated on the cloud respond to the angel’s command? (14:16)
      4. How did John describe the next angel he saw? (14:17)
      5. What did John see “still another angel” do? (14:18)
      6. What happened to the grapes that were gathered by the reaping angel? (14:19–20)

***APPLY***

1. How would you answer a non-Christian’s charge that the Bible is too full of blood and judgment?
2. Why do you think God delays His judgment when the world is already filled with evil?
3. How do we know that God takes our sin seriously? How (if at all) would it change your view of God if God didn’t punish sin?
4. What would you tell a person about how he or she could escape judgment?
5. What would you say to someone who believes that, in the end, everyone goes to heaven? How does this passage correct that belief?