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- c. *Gematria*: a system where letters in an alphabet are assigned numerical values, and words or phrases are interpreted based on the sum of those values, often used to find hidden meanings or connections in texts.

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#### Discussion Guide

1. What stood out to you in the service today?
2. How might the themes of Revelation 13, such as power, deception, and loyalty, apply to modern issues like political systems, media influence, or cultural trends?
3. Verse 10 emphasizes endurance and faithfulness for God’s people. In what ways does this chapter challenge believers to remain steadfast in the face of persecution or societal pressure?
4. Despite the ominous tone of Revelation 13, how does the chapter fit into the broader message of Revelation, particularly the hope of God’s ultimate victory? How can this perspective encourage believers facing challenges?
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