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Israel’s clear, identifiable, and powerful statement of faith, found in Deuteronomy 6:4, set them firmly apart from the polytheistic heathens around them: “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

Throughout the centuries the chanting of the Shema, which is the name of the prayer in Deuteronomy 6 (based on the Hebrew word for “hear”), reminded the Jews of the spiritual vision that united them as a people and strengthened their resolve to maintain their unique identity as worshipers of the one true God.

For Seventh-day Adventists the three angels’ messages in Revelation 14 are our Shema. They are our identifying statement of faith. They define who we are as a people and describe our mission to the world. In short, our unique prophetic identity is outlined in Revelation 14:6–12, and it is here that we find our passion to proclaim the gospel to the world.

In this week’s lesson we will begin a detailed study of Revelation 14:6–12 through the eyes of grace as we listen to God speaking to our hearts.
Write out Revelation 14:6 from the translation of your choice. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw **Arrows** to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help memorization.

How is grace more than just forgiveness? How is grace more than transformative power?

What are some areas in your life that demonstrate God’s grace?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this week’s passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What role could you play, and how could you better play it, in helping spread the three angels’ messages to every “nation, tribe, tongue, and people”?

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What relationship do the following verses have with Revelation 14:6?

1 Corinthians 15:1–4
Romans 3:24–26
1 Peter 1:18–20
Matthew 28:19, 20
Acts 1:8

What other verses/promises come to mind in connection with Revelation 14:6?

Review your memorized verse from Revelation 14:6.
What is Jesus saying to you through the main text?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

How does the plan of salvation bring you wonder and awe? If it doesn’t, why not?

What works can humanity possibly add, even by the best-intentioned, Holy Spirit-filled works, to what Christ had done for us at the cross?

Prayer Response: Meditate on Revelation 14:6 again and look for where Jesus is.
Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study, how have you more deeply internalized the gospel?

Where can you personally spread the message of Christ’s gospel?

Read more inSight from the Spirit of Prophecy at www.inversebible.org/3am03-7
Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

How does the gospel give meaning and purpose to our meager, short-lived, often corrupt, damaged, and disappointing lives (who doesn’t have some of those things in their existence?)?

What does it mean that Seventh-day Adventists are in so many countries of the world?
What does it say about how God has so far blessed our efforts? 
At the same time, how can your local church or even your local Sabbath School play a larger role in “finishing the work”?

What has been your own experience in being involved in something bigger than yourself? How does that experience help you understand the point of this week’s study?

What could be bigger than being used by the Creator of the cosmos to make an eternal difference in the universe?