

LifeGroup Study Sheet



October 4th - Revelation of Jesus Christ - Part 2

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes - Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

The depiction of Jesus revealed in these verses of Revelation make John fall on his face in fear and reverence (v.17) Can you ever remember a time in your life when you were so overcome with fear that it caused you to be completely still or motionless? Why?

Digging In

Read Revelation 1:9-20

Pastor Jeff pointed out four amazing things that the Apostle John experienced in these verses of Revelation.

- Persecution because of Jesus
- Presence of Jesus
- Peace from Jesus
- **Purpose from Jesus**

Question 1:

What are the ways that John was persecuted during the writing of this book? How do you think Christians are being persecuted today? Have you seen it in your own life?

Question 2:

Pastor Jeff went through 8 different symbols about how Jesus was described. Which of these symbols/images really stuck out to you? How does this compare to how you typically see Jesus?

Robe and Sash - (High Priest) **Powerful Voice** (Authority

White Hair - (Ancient of Days) Stars in Hands (Sovereign)

Blazing Eyes - (Omniscient) **Sword (**the Word)

Bronze Feet (Judge) Face like the Sun (Holiness)

Question 3:

Read verse 17-18 again. How does Jesus' response to John being afraid change the way you should view fear? John's response to seeing Jesus was an appropriate response. However, how should what Jesus says to John give us as Christians peace?

The First and Last, The Living One (v. 18)

I was dead, behold I am alive (v. 18)

I have the keys to Death and Hades (v. 18)

Question 4:

Part of the Apostle John's purpose in the book of Revelation was to write down what he saw, and things to take place in the future (Rev 1:19). In the midst of severe persecution and difficult circumstances, God still gave John a clear purpose. How do you see God's purpose for you in the midst of difficult circumstances? How can you remind yourself of God's purpose for you in your everyday life?

Taking it Home

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

<u>Supplication</u> – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?

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