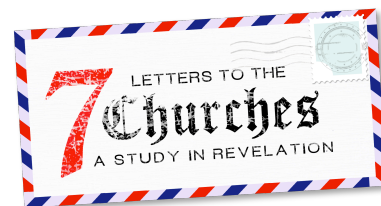


Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, May 3, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 1

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

The purpose of Revelation is to encourage believers to persevere in their faith, knowing that Jesus is in control of all history and that he will return to judge the earth and reward those who remain faithful to him.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What does *revelation* mean? What special revelation was given to John and how did he receive it? Who were the original recipients of this letter and what is its primary purpose?
- What does it mean to be blessed by God? Who will receive the promised blessing of verse 3?
- How is Jesus uniquely qualified as the perfect and faithful witness of God (verse 8)?
- What did Jesus accomplish by his redeeming work (verses 5-6)? How can we live as citizens and priests in the Kingdom of God to the glory of Jesus Christ?
- Are you actively relying on the grace of God as your sole source of peace?
- What attribute(s) of God does John highlight in verses 4 and 8?
- What prophetic glimpse into the future does John provide in verse 7?
- What does John want us to learn from his dazzling *descriptions* and by his humble *response* to the presence of the glorified Christ (verses 12-17)? Do you recognize this Jesus? How does this text encourage and/or challenge your perceptions of Jesus?
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