



# BOOKENDS

GENESIS

REVELATION

## COME LORD JESUS

*REVELATION 22:6-21*

### SYNOPSIS

After thirty weeks in Revelation, we discover that the book does not end with a theological argument or an explanation of the future, but with an invitation to be ready for Christ's return. Revelation closes with three realities: a promise, a blessing, and an invitation. Jesus promises, "I am coming soon," calling us to build our lives around His return rather than lesser earthly hopes. He blesses those who have been washed by His blood and faithfully keep His Word. Finally, He invites the thirsty, guilty, weary, and broken to come freely and receive the water of life. Revelation ultimately calls us to Christ.

### SERMON OUTLINE

**Main Question:** *Are you ready for Christ to return?*

1. **A Promise:** Jesus is coming soon. His return gives history direction and teaches us to live faithfully, patiently, and obediently, refusing to build our lives around lesser earthly hopes.
2. **A Blessing:** Those washed in Christ's blood and committed to keeping His Word are blessed. True blessing is found not in circumstances, but in Christ's grace, presence, and enduring faithfulness.
3. **An Invitation:** The Spirit and Bride say, "Come." Christ freely invites the thirsty, guilty, weary, and broken to receive the water of life, calling everyone to trust Him and live.

### REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Observing the Text:** First, make sure to have your group spend time looking at the text, and observing the text without reflecting on the sermon. You want the group to get familiar with the

text, and the words, and the flow of thought. Keep making observations until you feel the group has a solid grasp of the entire text.

2. What future are you actually living for? What does the way you spend your time, money, energy, and attention reveal about what you believe will ultimately satisfy you?
3. If Jesus returned today, what kind of person would you want Him to find you to be? What is one area of your life where you need to become more faithful, obedient, loving, or passionate for souls?
4. Are you more tempted to find your blessed life in your circumstances or in Christ? When life becomes difficult, what do you instinctively look toward for happiness, security, or contentment?
5. What keeps you from responding wholeheartedly to Christ's invitation to "Come"? Are there sins, shame, doubts, pride, fear, or a desire to remain in control that are keeping you from trusting Him more fully?

### FOR THE MEN: GOD'S WARRIORS ARE FORGED, NOT BORN.

If you knew that Christ could return at any moment, what would faithfulness require of you as a man, husband, father, friend, church member, and leader in your community? What are you building that will actually matter when Christ comes?

### FOR THE WOMEN

What would it look like for you to live as a woman whose deepest hope and satisfaction are found in Christ rather than in circumstances, relationships, recognition, comfort, or control? Where is Christ calling you to trust Him and faithfully obey His Word today?

### FOR FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP

If Jesus really is coming back, how should that change the way our family lives today? What could we do together to help one another live faithfully, love Jesus, and be ready for His return?