

Small Group Discussion Guide

Revelation 1 - The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Main Idea

Revelation is not primarily a puzzle to decode; it is a revelation of Jesus Christ. In Revelation 1, we see Jesus as the One who reveals God's plan, redeems His people by His blood, and reigns with authority over His church, history, death, and eternity.

Warm Up

Opening Question

When you hear the word "Revelation," what comes to mind first: fear, curiosity, confusion, hope, excitement, or something else? Why?

Know It

Jesus is the One who Reveals

Read Revelation 1:1–3

Discussion Questions

- According to verses 1–3, who is the source of this revelation?
- Who receives the message and passes it along?
- What blessing is promised in verse 3?

Key Truth

- Jesus reveals what God wants His servants to know. Revelation is meant to prepare, bless, and strengthen God's people.

Jesus is the One who Redeems

Read Revelation 1:4–8

Discussion Questions

- How is God described in verse 4?
- What titles are given to Jesus in verse 5?
- What has Jesus done for His people according to verses 5–6?
- What does it mean that Jesus has made believers "a kingdom" and "priests"?

Key Truth

- Jesus loves His people, frees them from sin by His blood, gives them a new identity, and will return in glory.

Jesus is the One who Reigns

Read Revelation 1:9–20

Discussion Questions

- Where is John when he receives this vision?
- How does John describe himself in verse 9?
- What does John see when he turns around?
- What details about Jesus stand out to you most in verses 13–16?
- How does John respond when he sees the risen Christ?

Key Truth

- Jesus reigns over His church, over death, and over all things. His glory should humble us, comfort us, and strengthen our faith.

Share It

Personal Reflection Questions

- Which picture of Jesus in Revelation 1 do you most need to remember right now: Revealer, Redeemer, or King?
- Where are you tempted to look for security besides Christ?

Live It

Application Points

- **Listen to what Jesus reveals:** Revelation promises blessing to those who read, hear, and keep God's Word.
 - **Ask:** Am I approaching God's Word with curiosity only, or with obedience?
- **Rest in what Jesus has done:** Jesus has loved us, freed us from sin, and made us a kingdom of priests.
 - **Ask:** Am I living as someone still enslaved to sin, shame, or fear—or as someone Christ has set free?

- **Stand firm because Jesus reigns:** John was suffering, but Jesus was still ruling. The church may face pressure, but Jesus is among His lampstands.
 - **Ask:** Where do I need endurance right now?
- **Worship Jesus with reverence:** John fell at Jesus' feet. The risen Christ is not small, weak, or distant. He is glorious.
 - **Ask:** Has my view of Jesus become too casual?
- **Do not be afraid:** Jesus says, "Don't be afraid." He is the Living One, alive forever.
 - **Ask:** What fear do I need to surrender to Jesus this week?

This Week's Challenge

Read Revelation 1 once each day this week. Each day, write down one description of Jesus and one response you should have to Him.

- Example:
 - Jesus is "the faithful witness."
 - My response: Tell the truth and trust His Word.

Prayer

- Praise - Praise Jesus as the One who reveals, redeems, and reigns.
- Confession - Confess where you have ignored His Word, doubted His rule, or lived as though fear is stronger than Christ.
- Thanksgiving - Thank Jesus for loving us and setting us free from our sins by His blood.
- Requests - Ask God for endurance, courage, obedience, and a deeper vision of Christ's glory.