



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 1 – Revelation 1:1-20 – Jan. 3, 2021

Helpful Resources for Studying Revelation

Revelation for You by Tim Chester – <https://bit.ly/RevForYou>

The BibleProject Videos – Rev. 1-11: <https://bit.ly/Rev1-11> Rev. 12-22: <https://bit.ly/Rev12-22>

Revelation: The Triumph of God – <https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod>

Revelation: by William Subash – *RightNow Media* – <https://bit.ly/williamsubash>

Admittedly, Revelation can be an intimidating book to study. As you begin this endeavor, we want to encourage you to set aside the charts, movies, books, or sermons that claim to unravel its mysteries. It's better just to read it. Allow God to speak to you through his written Word.

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!

KNOW:

- 2020 was a tumultuous year in many ways. Take a moment to reflect on the year. What was the hardest part of 2020 for you? How did you grow?
- What are you looking forward to in 2021? What are your hopes and fears for the future? How do they impact the way you live here and now?
- Revelation can be very intimidating, confusing, or scary. Why do you think it is important that we read and study this book? Are you excited to start this study? Are you nervous? What questions do you have entering a study in Revelation?
- A revelation is something disclosed, exposed, understood or made known. What are you expecting or desiring God to reveal to you in this study thru the Book of Revelation?



GROW:

- Read Revelation 1:1-20 out loud as a D-Group. As it is read aloud pay attention to any phrases or words that stick out to you. Circle, highlight, or underline them. Discuss as a group what portions of this chapter grab your attention.
- John is writing a letter to Christians facing the threats and seductions of life in and under the Roman Empire. In this first chapter, where or how do you see John encouraging the believers to remain faithful?
- John shares his inspiration for writing the letter of Revelation in verses 1 and 2. Try to put yourselves in the shoes of the 1st century Christians. How would this encourage or inspire you as you read these words?
- Which description of Jesus in verses 4-8 is most personally meaningful to you? Share why with the group.
- As you read verses 9-20, John's vision of the risen Christ, what aspects bring comfort to you? Is there anything that is disturbing or challenging for you?



SHOW:

- In all you have read and experienced in reading this chapter of Revelation, what pictures or images do you have of Jesus? Are there any words that stand out to you in particular? Write these down and see how they grow or change as this study progresses.
- Worship is a natural response to reading about and seeing Jesus in Scripture. What would it look like for your D-Group to worship Jesus together right now? (singing, prayer, writing personal letters to Jesus, dancing, etc.).
- Revelation was written to churches being persecuted under a totalitarian regime. Today, our society seems more friendly; yet it remains hostile to us both morally and spiritually. How can this vision of Jesus encourage us to resist the seductions of our society?
- The title for this teaching series is "Soon". Why do you think it was given that name? In what ways does the truth about Jesus' imminent return shape your life here and now? How does this challenge you to live differently this week?