



**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED ON:** Sunday, October 10, 2021

**TITLE:** An introduction to the Book of Revelation

**PASSAGE:** Various Passage

**SERIES:** The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb

**INTRODUCTION** to Small Group:

Read Revelation 1:3 and 22:7. The beginning and end of the book promise blessing for those who read, hear, and obey what is written in it. Spend some time at the beginning of your gathering praying that this would be true of your group and of our church as we begin this series.

1. What has been your personal experience and church experience with the book of Revelation?
2. What excites you most about studying this book together? What makes you uneasy about studying this book?
3. Who does Revelation 1:1 name as the divine author of Revelation and who does it name as the human author communicating this message?
4. In Revelation 1:5, Jesus Christ is described as “the faithful witness.” How does viewing Jesus as the faithful witness impact us in our opportunities to share the gospel today in our culture?
5. The book of Revelation was written, in part, to encourage a church facing intense persecution with the hope of the imminent return of Jesus. How does a focus on the coming of Christ encourage you today? Does the idea of Christ’s return cause you any stress?
6. There are three main ways to interpret Revelation. Allegorical: Everything in the book is symbolic and is viewed as spiritual allegory to comfort and encourage a suffering church. Historical: The book mostly refers to events that were fulfilled in the first century or throughout modern history. Literal: The events beginning in chapter 4 are future and literal events to come. To which interpretation do you lean? If possible, briefly explain how and why you’ve taken that position.
7. Read Matthew 24:44 and 2 Peter 3:10-11, 14. What warning or caution do these verses convey? What sort of response do they stir up in you?
8. Read Titus 2:11-14. List the reasons why the appearing of Jesus Christ should matter to us. Does the urgency of Christ’s return motivate you to make any changes in your life? If yes, what are they? How will you implement those changes?