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cf., 2 Peter 3:8-9

6 WAYS TO RESPOND TO THE GOOD NEWS THAT JESUS IS COMING:

1) _____ with God (v6-7)

2) _____ God (v8-9)

3) _____ for God (v10-11)

- 4) _____ for God (v12-14)
- 5) _____ God (v15-19)
- 6) ______ for God (v20-21)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. What evidence exists in your life that illustrates your desire to "keep the words of prophecy" in Revelation?
- 2. Since we cannot earn our salvation by our actions, what benefit is there in examining our lives for such evidence?
- 3. When John fell to worship the angel, the angel corrected John (v9). Who are the people in your life that you have elevated (or are tempted to elevate) to an inappropriate place? How might you correct or address this issue?
- 4. What differences are there between the instructions regarding prophecy found in verses 10-11 and the instructions given to Daniel in Daniel 12:9? (Hint: consider the phrase "the time is near.")
- 5. What reaction does verse 11 create in you? One commentator writes, "If the prophecies are rejected, there is no other message that will work. If the warnings of the book are not sufficient, there is no more that God has to say."¹ Does this explanation help you understand verse 11 better?
- 6. When you consider that God will repay you for what you have done (v12), does that stir feelings of excitement? Anxiety? Something else?
- 7. Who is being asked to come in verse 17?

Application:

- A) As you wait on God for Christ's return, let's reflect on the Revelation series. How has God corrected you?
- B) How has God convicted you?
- C) How has God challenged or changed you?
- D) What has been the biggest take-a-way from this series?
- E) How can your small group come alongside you as you strive to walk in obedience to God?

¹ Walvoord, J. F. (2008). *<u>The Revelation of Jesus Christ</u>* (p. 334). Galaxie Software.

PRAYER POINTS (based on Revelation 22:6-21):

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON:

- God has revealed to us what must soon take place (v6)
- Jesus is coming soon (v7, 10, 12, 20)
- God has given us his word to know the way to blessing (v7, 18-19)
- God is worthy of our worship (v9)
- God will reward his children for our good works (v12)
- Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end (v13)
- Jesus is the root and descendant of David, and the bright morning star his coming will announce the arrival of a new day (v16)
- The Spirit invites us to come and have our thirst satisfied in Jesus (v17)
- Jesus has grace for all things (v21)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Lord, I praise you because when you come you will redeem . . .
- Lord, you are before and after all things and you hold _____ in your hands

RESPONSE:

- Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner . . .
- Lord, I haven't always trusted your grace for _____; please forgive me and help me to turn to you

REQUEST:

- Lord, I need your grace for . . .
- Lord, I need your help in believing that you know the beginning and the end of ______; help me to believe that you are the Alpha and the Omega
- Lord, please help ____ (name of loved one) to see Christ as the only One who can satisfy their spiritual thirst

READINESS:

- Lord, when I'm tempted to find satisfaction elsewhere, I will come to you and trust you to satisfy my need for . . .
- Lord, your word teaches us the way to blessing; help me to turn to your word for wisdom in . . .
- Lord Jesus, come!