



# *All Things New*

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS**



## **Week 1**

**Text:** Revelation 1:1–8

**Topic(s):** Prophecy, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Promises

**Big Idea of the Message:** The Revelation of Jesus to John was meant to be a source of confidence and hope for the Christians of Asia Minor.

**Application Point:** The book of Revelation should act as a reminder that victory is a promise of God to the believer who overcomes the challenges faced in our lives.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How does knowing that the victory of Christ is your own victory help you face your day-to-day life?
3. When someone speaks to you about the book of Revelation what comes to mind? How much of your understanding about Revelation is based on fear or uncertainty?
4. Read Revelation 1:1–8. How does this passage speak to your understanding of Jesus? What stands out to you about the way John describes Jesus?
5. Would you be willing to commit to reading Revelation throughout this series?
6. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 2**

**Text:** Revelation 1:9-20

**Topic(s):** Encouragement, Confidence in Jesus, Accountability, Holy Spirit

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus is revealed as the Lord of Life, Death, and the Church.

**Application Point:** He is present among the church to lead them in His way.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is most striking about the description of Jesus in this vision?
3. What does it mean that Jesus holds the seven angels of the churches and stands among the seven lampstands/churches?
4. What does Jesus have authority over according to this passage?
5. Read verse 19. How will this verse help us interpret the book of Revelation?
6. This is a depiction of how Jesus is the head of the Church. In what ways are we as a church called to follow Jesus' direction?
7. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 3**

**Text:** Revelation 2:1-7

**Topic(s):** Loving Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** In our pursuit of holiness and doctrinal purity, we cannot lose sight of our love for God and others.

**Application Point:** We must continue to foster our first love, Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What things are the Church of Ephesus doing well?
3. What is the first love that they are in danger of losing? How do you think they are losing their first love, and how can they get it back?
4. In what ways does today's church struggle with losing their first love?
5. What is the promise that Jesus gives the Church in verse 7?
6. How can we pray for you?



#### **Week 4**

**Text:** Revelation 2:8-11

**Topic(s):** Tested Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** Don't let persecution push you to give up on your faith. Jesus' resurrection ensures the resurrection of those who follow him.

**Application Point:** We are called to be conquerors even in the face of persecution.

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How Does the Lord show empathy towards the Smyrna Church?
3. What is Jesus' encouragement to Smyrna and to what does He appeal to that strengthens that encouragement?
4. What is the promise that Jesus gives to the Smyrna Church
5. How would today's church do under the affliction that Smyrna is going through, and what can we learn from Smyrna?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 5**

**Text:** Revelation 2:12-17

**Topic(s):** Pure Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** When you mix the Christian faith with the unbiblical, popular beliefs of the day, you lose Jesus.

**Application Point:** We are called to guard the Gospel from decay.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it mean that Pergamum is where Satan lives?
3. What is Jesus' encouragement to Pergamum, what are they doing well?
4. When you consider the story of Balaam (Numbers 25:1-3, 31:16) what do you think the Nicolatans were doing?
5. What was the problem in the Pergamum church, and what was Jesus' solution to that problem?
6. What is the promise that Jesus gives to those who "conquer" in the Pergamum church?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 6**

**Text:** Revelation 2:18-29

**Topic(s):** Honest Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** Don't sacrifice what you need to hear for what you want to hear.

**Application Point:** We are called to trust not our own understanding, but lean on God.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the church in Thyatira doing well according to Jesus?
3. What did Jezebel do according to 1 Kings 16:29-34, 18:4, 21:25-26?
4. Jezebel worshipped Baal who was the fertility god of the time and the religion involved worshipping multiple gods, ritual sex and prostitutes. How does this help us understand what Jesus has against the church in Thyatira?
5. What is the promise that Jesus gives to the church in Thyatira?
6. Can you think of any issues that face today's church that is like that of the church in Thyatira?
7. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 7**

**Text:** Revelation 3:1-6

**Topic(s):** Viable Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** Being spiritually alive means more than calling yourself a Christian.

**Application Point:** We are called to be humble about our spirituality.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the Sardis church doing well according to Jesus?
3. What do you think Jesus means when he says the Sardis church thinks they are alive when they are actually dead?
4. How can they have their works, "completed"?
5. What is the promise that Jesus gives to the Sardis Church?
6. How can today's church continue to be humble about how alive they are and continually grow in Christ-likeness?
7. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 8**

**Text:** Revelation 3:7-14

**Topic(s):** Powerful Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** True power comes from trusting God even when you're tempted to give up on your faith.

**Application Point:** We are called to patiently endure.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. According to Jesus what makes the church in Philadelphia so powerful?
3. What do you think is going on from this, "synagogue of Satan?"
4. What are the promises that Jesus gives to the church in Philadelphia
5. How can the church today patiently endure even when it seems to lack strength?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 9**

**Text:** Revelation 3:14-22

**Topic(s):** Distracted Faith

**Big Idea of the Message:** Don't allow physical prosperity to drown out your desire to do God's will.

**Application Point:** We are called to put our trust in Jesus not our worldly possessions.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. According to Jesus, what is the church in Laodicea's main problem?
3. Why does affluence seem to be such a barrier in following Christ's way?
4. What are the promises that Jesus gives to the church in Laodicea?
5. In what ways does this church resemble many churches in the U.S.?
6. According to Jesus in this passage, what does it mean for us to be more than conquerors?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 10**

**Text:** Revelation 4

**Topic(s):** Worship

**Big Idea of the Message:** Worship is full submission and glorification to God.

**Application Point:** We are called to fully submit to God corporately and individually

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. These passages are hymns of praise. As you read them, note how they speak of God. What words are used to describe God? Are any words repeated? If so, why do you think that is the case?
3. What stands out to you about the throne room?
4. Why do you think this has grabbed your attention so? Do you sense that John felt the same way?
5. What does this passage teach us about Worship?
6. What impact does this passage have on your reading of the rest of Revelation?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 11**

**Text:** Revelation 5

**Topic(s):** Jesus's Worthiness, Worship, Celebration, Victory, New Covenant

**Big Idea of the Message:** Believers should find in Jesus all that is worthy of praise and worship. He holds the victory over all things.

**Application Point:** When we feel overwhelmed, we must always hold on to the victory we have through Jesus.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How do these verses describe Jesus?
3. As you read, think through how John must have felt.
4. How could seeing Jesus in this way shape his own personal confidence in Jesus?
5. How does this scene speak to the victory Jesus has won for you in the cross?
6. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 12**

**Text:** Revelation 6

**Topic(s):** Jesus's Authority, Judgement, Patience

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus has authority to direct history towards its final judgement.

**Application Point:** Believers are called to wait patiently during the turmoil on earth for Jesus' coming to judge the world's sin.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does it mean when Jesus breaks each seal on the scroll?
3. Each of the four horses are given authority to do something, what are those things, who gives them authority, and why do they do those things?
4. Who are the people described in verses 9 – 10, what are they asking for and what were they told to do?
5. What does the instruction given to the martyrs apply to us?
6. What event does verses 12 – 17 refer?
7. In one sentence what is the message this passage is giving us?
8. How can we pray for you?



### **Week 13**

**Text:** Revelation 7

**Topic(s):** Salvation, Protection, Hope, The Church, The Holy Spirit

**Big Idea of the Message:** Jesus saves the universal church out of great suffering.

**Application Point:** That we put our hope and worship in Jesus Christ.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the wind in verse 1, and why is God holding it back?
3. What is the seal or mark that God puts on his servants?
4. Who are the 144,000, who are the multitude in verse 9 and how are they related?
5. How does this scene encourage you and challenge you?
6. What part might we play in this world as it relates to this scene?
7. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 14**

**Text:** Revelation 8:1-5

**Topic(s):** Prayer, Vindication

**Big Idea of the Message:** God uses our prayers for justice.

**Application Point:** To pray honestly, humbly, for God's justice and salvation to come on earth as it is in heaven.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What do you think the silence is about in verse 1?
3. How does this imagery of our prayers rising before God like incense strike you?
4. What is going on when the Angel is through the fire from the alter on the earth?
5. How does this passage impact the way you pray?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 15**

**Text:** Revelation 8:6-9:21

**Topic(s):** Calamity, Repentance, Plagues

**Big Idea of the Message:** God is warning the world to repent, but the world is not repenting.

**Application Point:** We are called to repent and share Jesus' Good News of Salvation.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. How do these plagues mirror the plagues of Exodus 7:8-12?
3. Each Plague of the Exodus story is God's attack on one of Egypt's gods. How does this give insight into what is going on in this passage?
4. How much of what is going on in this passage physical plagues vs. spiritual warfare?
5. Looking at verse 20 and 21 what is the purpose of these plagues?
6. What is repentance, and why don't the people repent?
7. What does repentance look for you, for us, and how can we help people repent?
8. How can we pray for you?





## **Week 16**

**Text:** Revelation 10

**Topic(s):** Prophecy, Sharing the Gospel

**Big Idea of the Message:** God has given us the message we need for salvation.

**Application Point:** We are called to give the message God has given us, and to refrain from messages of speculation.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What is the point of God not wanting John to write down what the seven thunders said?
3. What is the scroll that John is asked to eat?
4. For what purpose is John asked to prophecy to the nations?
5. What does this mean for Believer's role in telling people about Christ's coming again?
6. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 17**

**Text:** Revelation 11:1-14

**Topic(s):** Witness, Persecution, Sacrificial Love

**Big Idea of the Message:** God's mercy demonstrated in the Church is what will bring people to repentance.

**Application Point:** We are called to be faithful to Christ's mission of sacrificial love even to those who persecute us.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does the Temple in this passage represent?
3. Who are the Gentiles who will trample on the Temple and the City?
4. Who are the Two Witnesses in this Passage?
5. Who is the Beast, and what City is being represented in this passage?
6. How do the Witnesses help people turn from mocking the Witnesses to Glorifying God?
7. What does this mean for how we witness to others who do not believe?
8. How can we pray for you?



## **Week 18**

**Text:** Revelation 11:15-19

**Topic(s):** The Kingdom, Judgement, Allegiance to Christ

**Big Idea of the Message:** God is bringing his Kingdom on earth when he comes to judge the living and the dead.

**Application Point:** Align yourself to Jesus so that you may live in God's Kingdom forever.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?
2. What does the 7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet bring forth?
3. How does God's judgement effect nations?
4. How does God's judgement effect believers in Jesus?
5. What is your response to all of this?
6. How can we pray for you?