



## 1. Opening

### Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

### Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

**Question 30\*** What do we believe by true faith?

**Answer:** Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Scripture Reference:** Jude 3

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

### Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

## 2. Bible Study February 1 (30-45 minutes)

\*Read the passage aloud together.

\*Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Revelation 13:1-18

1. Without diving into all of the possible interpretations of the symbolism in this chapter, how do you feel when you read this chapter? What big picture understanding do you have upon an initial reading?

2. This passage covers some really heavy realities for Christians. Where do we see the gospel of hope in this passage?

3. What kinds of trials do Christians face in Revelation 13?

4. Why does God reveal these challenges to the 7 churches? (v.10b, 18a)

5. Who are those not deceived in v.8? Why are they not deceived? (discuss the power of the work of Christ)

6. This chapter is not made to be read in isolation. Read Revelation 14:1. After a chapter of heavy reality, what hope does God keep in front of His church in ch.14?

7. In what ways is the church around the world facing some of the tribulations described in Revelation 13? In what ways is the church around the world facing the deception described in Revelation 13?

8. How can we move forward in wisdom recognizing the difference between the lamb and the dragon?

## 3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

\*Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

\*Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities for you to share Christ with people. Pray that you would make the most of every opportunity (Col 4:2-6).

\*\*Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism.