

REVELATION



Let's Talk

What's your favourite movie or literary genre and why? The book of Revelation is an example of apocalyptic literature; is that something you and your friends usually gravitate towards? Why or why not?

Let's Study

- In the sermon, Pastor Jon describes the persecution experienced by early Christians and explains that “suffering is part of the Christian life, it allows us to walk alongside Jesus”. What does “suffering” look like for contemporary Christians? How can suffering bring us closer to Jesus?
- Read Revelation 1:1-3. What does this tell us about the sufficiency of John’s testimony? How does it bring glory to Jesus and legitimacy to what is about to be revealed? What does it show us about John, and his relationship with Jesus?
- At different points in history, there have been predictions about the ‘end times’ (think Y2K or the 2012 Mayan apocalyptic predictions). As Christians, what differentiates our understanding of the end times and how will we know the “time is near” (V.3)?
- Read Revelation 1:4-8. Along with Father God and the Holy Spirit, from whom does John say grace and peace come? Why is this important? Why was it encouraging to the recipients of Revelation, and a blessing to believers today?

Let's Apply

- Pastor Jon closes his sermon by saying, “Jesus is returning: the source of our hope and our fear!” What feelings does Jesus’ return incite in you and why? If you’re leaning towards feelings of fear, perhaps for yourself or for your loved ones who may not know Jesus, how can you move to a place of hope?

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Let's Apply (Continued)

- As Christians, we're described as a spiritual nation, chosen by Jesus. What can we start, stop, and continue doing in the immediate future to have better interactions with Christians from different cultural/ethnic backgrounds or denominations?
- As a society, we place a lot of importance on time. In contrast, Revelation emphasizes a God who transcends time, a God "who is, and who was, and who is to come" (v. 4,8). How can this help us understand God's perspective when it comes to our own lives?

Let's Pray

Lord Jesus, thank you for Your blood that covers us all and has already defeated death, hell, and the grave, allowing us to walk in Your victory and authority. Convict us to repent for the areas in our lives where we don't honour You and reveal areas where we might have to give an account in circumstances where we chose our comfort over Your will. Give us Your eternal perspective, O God, and break our hearts and remind us to continue to pray for our loved ones who may not know You. Amen.