

# Sermon Discussion Questions

The Key – Matt Slocum

Sermon Text: Revelation 1:9-20

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## AGENDA

- Allow people to arrive, talk, and snack – 15 min
- Icebreaker question – 10 min
- Thank everyone for coming. Open in prayer – 30 sec
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min
- Prayer – 20 min

## INTRODUCTION

We kicked off our Revelation series this week and it is all about JESUS! Did you know the first words Jesus speaks in the text are “Do Not Be Afraid”? Yet, for so many this book has been used to place fear in the hearts of the church. Join us as we unpack this powerful, prophetic book and discover Jesus in a new way.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. What did you petition God for last week? What kind of answer did you get?
2. "The key" to unlock the code of Revelation is to know the rest of the Bible so you can see connections between the metaphors, symbols, and language of Revelation and the stories, figures, and language of the rest of the Bible. What are some ways that you have found success in learning the Bible? Share practical ideas that might help another in your group.
3. Matt spoke at length about fear. What do you fear? Consider what motivates you; what (or who) you don't want to lose; what you desire; what your goals are. Often, we couch "fear" in different words like discomfort, avoidance, etc, so challenge yourself to think deeply about what fear might look like in your life.
4. Matt said, "If you're going to be overwhelmed by something, why not be overwhelmed by Jesus?" How can a person make that transition?

## APPLICATION

Find one connection between something in Revelation 1:1-18 and the rest of the Bible. Feel free to use the internet, concordances, or other resources! Come ready to share and discuss the connection next week.

## Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
2. What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given? Who gave it to you?
3. As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

**PRAYER (20-30 min)**

Ask for prayer requests. Focus prayer on those requests that show fear. Pray that each person will find a method of learning the Bible that works for them.

**COMING UP**

To join a small group, sign up at [vckceast.com](https://vckceast.com) or at one of the weekend services. Study materials are available to download on the church website (<https://vckceast.com>) or on the Facebook page.

Revelation Sermon Series, 18 Sep – 13 Nov, 9:00 and 11:00, Oak Park HS

Baptisms – 9 October, 9:00 and 11:00, Oak Park HS

Trunk or Treat – 22 October, 2:00-4:00, Oak Park HS

**FINAL THOUGHT**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.**