



Welcome: Who was an influential leader in your life and what made them great?

Worship: Listen to *Revelation Song - Mission House & Citizens, REVERE*

Word: Read *Revelation 1*.

1. What stood out to you the most?
2. **Observation:** Who wrote this passage and what is it describing? (Take time to discuss the *who, what, when* and *where* of this passage of Scripture.)
3. **Interpretation:** PBJ taught that Revelation 1 gives us the most recent, Biblical revelation of Jesus -- what He looks like, where He is, and what He is about.
 - Point out some of the descriptions of John’s vision of Jesus and what PBJ taught regarding the symbolism behind each (e.g., the lamp stand, stars, robe and sash, fire eyes). Which one stood out to you the most and why?
 - Jesus was “among the lampstands.” This speaks to His closeness to the Church. How does this understanding give you a new or distinct perspective on being part of the body of Christ and the local church?
4. **Application:** The heart of the message is about establishing the authority of God over everything and everyone. Nothing is irrelevant to Christ; His Lordship covers all – from the orders of the world to the intimacy of our own hearts/minds.
 - What areas of life and culture might an individual deem “the church’s lane” and other areas as off limits? What is your view and how has the message clarified and brought to light the Biblical view of ‘appropriate’ lanes?
 - As PBJ pointed out, perhaps we have assumed we know what God has to say about something and we have not yet actually asked Him. Consider the areas/decisions/things in your life that you may have made assumptions or decisions about and not yet asked. Share if you feel led.

Witness: The first step in making a disciple is doing the work of evangelism; we must interact with the world. Close by reading Matthew 18:19-20. Jesus said to take the authority He gave and “go” and make disciples: Turn unbelievers into believers and turn believers into followers.

Pray and ask the Lord to fill you with His Spirit, heart and compassion for others so that you may go out and have powerful encounters with the world --- be emboldened to share the Gospel to whomever He places in your path. We can do this in freedom knowing that it is the Holy Spirit that works to convict anyone of sin, give revelation of righteousness, and the knowledge of coming judgment.