

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.



Sermon Study

Images of Christ – Son of Man
Revelation 1:1-20

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Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. How is Jesus often pictured in modern artwork today?

2. The group MercyMe released a song entitled, "I Can Only Imagine" which referred to the first time a believer sees Christ in glory. What do you think your response will be when you see Him?

Go
(your group on mission)

Invite an unbeliever to join you over the next 3 weeks to hear more from the book of Revelation about Jesus!

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place..." (Rev. 1:1a, ESV)

Key Word Study

The word (apokalupsis) is the Greek for "revelation" in Rev. 1:1. It means "to disclose," "to manifest," or "to reveal."

Discussion

1. Have someone begin the discussion time by leading the group in prayer, then read Revelation 1:1-20 aloud.
2. Define "revelation." Take note that this word is singular, not plural! In what sense is this book a revelation?
3. Though it is filled with signs, the Book of Revelation is accessible to those who have an understanding of the first 65 books of the Bible, and especially an understanding of the first 39 books of the Bible, the Old Testament. The Book of Revelation is rooted in the Old Testament. It contains more than 500 allusions to the Old Testament, and 278 of the 404 verses in Revelation (that is almost 70%) make some reference to the Old Testament. What was the angel's role according to v. 2?
4. Looking at vs. 3, what 3 things must be done with this book for it to be a blessing? Why is each one important?
5. John brings a greeting from God the Holy Spirit, who is described with this title. The seven Spirits who are before His throne speaks to the perfection and completion of the Holy Spirit. John uses an Old Testament description of the Holy Spirit from Isaiah 11:2. Read that verse and list the seven aspects of the Holy Spirit given there.

6. What does the description of God in v. 8 teach us about Him?

7. In vs. 9-10, where was John and why? What was his spiritual condition when he wrote Revelation? There are four references to John being "in the Spirit" in the Book of Revelation. First at Patmos (Revelation 1:10), then in heaven (Revelation 4:2), then in the wilderness (Revelation 17:3), and finally on the mountain of God (Revelation 21:10). What does this mean?

8. Read Daniel 7:13-14. How does that verse help you to identify the "son of man" in Rev. 1:13?

9. What was Jesus wearing? What vocation in scripture should that remind you of? (See Exodus 29:5). Read Dan. 7:9. Who else is described as having hair as white wool? What does this teach you about the divinity of Christ?

10. "Fire" is associated with what, according to Matthew 5:22 and 2 Peter 3:7? Read Hebrew 4:12 and Ephesians 6:17. What is the "sword" that comes out of the mouth of Jesus?

11. Read Matthew 17:2 for another time when Jesus' face shone like the sun. How do all these descriptions of Christ conflict with our more modern view of who Jesus is?

12. Even the three years John spent with Jesus on this earth did not really prepare him to see Jesus in His heavenly glory. How should this response to this vision of Jesus impact the way you pray? The way you serve? The way you live?

Give
(your group serving each other)

Talk about the holiness of Christ together. What effect does His holiness have on you personally? Encourage each other to have a high view of Jesus.