

Revelation 1:1-8 2022 Fall #2- September 11, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR.... You might start each meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story for 5-8 minutes.

- 1) Do you have any recurring dreams or nightmares that you are willing to share?
- 2) What kind of book describes you the best? Mystery, Sports, Adventure, Poetry, Technical, Drama

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

Read Revelation 1:1-3

1) Where did this revelation originate and how was it passed along? How does this challenge you to take the study of this book seriously?

2) What phrases indicate that Christ's return is imminent? What has more urgency today in light of His return.

3) What does it mean to be blessed and in what ways do you anticipate being blessed as you study Revelation?

4) How will you "keep" what is written in this book? Can you draw any general principles from the prologue (vs 1-8) of the book that you can keep?

Read Revelation 1:4 -6

5) What symbolic number is used twice in these verses? Why is it important to remember the symbolic nature of Apocalyptic writing?

6) The book of Revelation is more about revealing Jesus than about revealing timelines. Why is that frustrating to some?

7) What attitudes will help us maintain unity when differences of interpretation occur?

8) Who does John say this letter is from? What inference to the trinity do you see here? (See John 1:1-4, Genesis 1:1)

9) List all the descriptions of Jesus and discuss the one most meaningful to you?

10) Where do you sometimes shrink back from serving as a priest in your kingdom because of the cost?

Read Revelation 1:7-8 and Matthew 24:30

11) Why is it significant that Jesus' return will be seen by all?

12) What stands out to you from the description God gives of himself here? How does this give hope?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, "What commitment would you like me to make to study this book?"
- 2) Lord, "Who can I pray for as a result of this

For Further study

The story of the Bible is sometimes distilled to Creation-Curse-Cross-Consummation. How is Jesus central in all of these?