

Growth Group Discussion Guide

April 26, 2020

God's Word of Hope - Revelation for Today

Our Scripture: Revelation 1:1-8

Were you able to hear the sermon this week? Access each week's sermon at our website: www.at-onechurch.org. Was there anything that confused you or needs clarification to better understand this week's teaching?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What is one thing that has been giving you joy over the past month?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read our Scripture, Revelation 1:1-8 together as a group.

In this week's sermon, Pastor Kevin explained that Revelation is a book that reveals Jesus to use through a number of images. Two images that Kevin discussed are Alpha and Omega (Rev. 1:8) and Lamb (cf. Rev. 5:6).

Bible exercise: Images for Jesus

1. Assign these scriptures to members of the group.
2. Look up each verse individually.
3. Write down: What image does this verse use to describe Jesus? What truth about Jesus might this image reveal?
4. Read your verse to the group and share your answer to this question.
5. Once everyone has shared, discuss as a group: Which images most resonate with you? Do any images not resonate? Not make sense?

John 8:12 | Ephesians 2:14 | John 20:16 | Revelation 22:16
1 Corinthians. 10:4 | John 6:35 | John 10:11

MEDIA MIX - *The Masked Singer*

This is a clip compilation from the show *The Masked Singer*. In this clip, a celebrity whose true identity is hidden sings a few songs. Can you guess who the hidden celebrity is before his face is revealed?!

<https://youtu.be/8TUniZpKUvA>

- In this clip, the celebrity's mask is removed and his true identity is revealed. How is this removing of a mask like how Pr. Kevin explained 'apocalypse'? How is it not like 'apocalypse'?
- How might this clip help us understand the *revealing* of Jesus Christ in Revelation?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Kevin said that Revelation declares that we are guided by Jesus, the gentle lamb. Where in your life could you use Jesus's gentle guiding?
2. Kevin explained that the primary image for Jesus in Revelation is the little lamb. When you picture Jesus as a lamb, what image is evoked for you?
3. According to Revelation, there's no suffering that God can't heal. Where in your life could you use God's healing?

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME

Who needs prayer of comfort and healing this week?

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After praying for prayer requests, consider praying this prayer:

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and a rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Housekeeping

1. Welcome everyone to the group with special attention to any newcomers.
2. Do you have room for new participants? (Group size is best at 11-14 persons) Does anyone know a friend (whether part of Atonement or not) who could be invited to your group? Just making the invitation will tell them you care!
3. How is meeting digitally working for you? Find a technical arrangement that works for you?