



A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of January 12, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

- When did Jesus first reveal Himself to you? What means did He use? How did you respond?

Revelation 1:9-20 *Fear Not, I Am the First and the Last*

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

- What do we learn about John and the churches receiving his letter?
- What does this passage tell us about the practical and spiritual reasons John is living on Patmos? (9)
- What does John mean when he says he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day" (10) when he heard a voice?

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

- List the attributes of the "one like a son of man" (13). What do these descriptions tell us about Him?

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

- What overall impression does this part of John's vision give you about Jesus Christ?
- How was John affected by the vision? Why?
- Jesus commands John to "fear not" (17). What was John afraid of? What does Jesus declare to fearful John, and why do you think He reveals Himself this way?
- Which attribute or promise of Jesus from this week's passage strikes a chord with you? Why?
- Pray together in response to God's Word

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