

Why Revelation Still Matters – Discussion Questions

Revelation 1:1-2

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1. The sermon emphasized that Revelation was written to be read, heard, and obeyed, not feared. Why do you think many believers avoid this book, and what might we be missing when we do?
2. When you hear the word Revelation, what emotions or assumptions come to mind (confusion, fear, excitement, hope)? Does it intimidate you or excite you? How did the sermon challenge or reshape those perceptions?
3. Why is it important that John was a witness to Jesus' life and ministry on earth? What are some things that John saw Jesus do?
4. Revelation was written to ordinary believers facing persecution. How does understanding the original audience affect the way we read and apply Revelation today?
5. Pastor Brian said, "If we finish Revelation and are more fascinated with the Antichrist than with Christ, we have missed the point." In what ways can end times curiosity cause us to drift away from Christ, and how can we intentionally keep Jesus at the center?
6. Revelation means an unveiling, not a hiding. How does understanding *apokalupsis* as "pulling back the curtain" change how you think about end times events and the purpose of the book?
7. Revelation 1:1 describes the readers as "servants" or bondslaves. What does living as a willing bondservant of Jesus look like in everyday life, and how is that different from being a casual Christian? Discuss the difference between fans and followers.
8. The words "must" and "soon" emphasize certainty and urgency. How should the reality that Christ's return is certain and imminent shape our priorities, choices, and relationships? How does focusing on the future motivate you to live on mission as you look for ways to share the gospel?
9. The sermon acknowledged different interpretations of Revelation and called for humility and grace. Why is it important to hold convictions without becoming divisive over secondary issues?
10. Revelation echoes the Old Testament repeatedly. How does seeing the Bible as one unified story, from Genesis to Revelation, strengthen your trust in God's plan?
11. Revelation reveals an ongoing spiritual battle, even though the Lamb has already won. Where do you see spiritual warfare in your life or culture, and how does Christ's victory encourage you?
12. Worship and witness are recurring themes in Revelation. How are these two connected in your life, and what might it look like for your worship to fuel your witness?
13. Communion looks back to the cross and forward to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. How does connecting Communion with Christ's future return deepen your hope and anticipation?
14. What's one thing you learned and what will you put into practice by the power of the Holy Spirit this week?