

## Revelation

### God's Promises Fulfilled



#### Key Scriptures

*The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.*

*John,*

*To the seven churches in the province of Asia:*

*Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.*

*“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”*

*and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”;*

*and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”*

*So shall it be! Amen.*

*“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”*

REVELATION 1:1-8 (NIV)

## TALK IT OVER

#### Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- When was the last time you wrote a letter? What was the significance of it?

#### Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Have you ever played the telephone game? In this game, the first person shares a secret and after 10 or more people sharing the same secret, it changes into something else. How do you think this might relate to translating the Bible and understanding what God is saying?
- Find the usage of the number three. If you remember, three is a way of denoting the Trinity, God's perfect will, God's perfect plan, the completion of God's work, and it is a connection to the Spirit of God.
- Find the usage of the number seven in this passage...It's meaning is the perfect Holy Spirit. It is a way of sharing that God's Spirit is perfect.
- Why is it important to remember that God's will and perfect plan is ever present in our lives?

#### Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- When are times that you have needed to remember that God was in control and not other things (Rev 1:5)?
- “All eyes will see him.” Have there been times where you needed to focus more on Jesus? What are ways to improve this in your life?

#### Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Father we thank you for Sending Christ to be your faithful witness, the one who died to set us free, and the one who first loved us. We pray that we can follow you and live as faithful witnesses to you. To you all glory and power is given. Amen*

#### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take time to thank God in sets of three this week. “Thank God for 1, 2, 3.”
- Find ways to focus on Jesus and remember to keep your eye on Christ.