

Revelation

God's Promises Fulfilled



TALK IT OVER

Key Scriptures

9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, [a] dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

19 "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. 20 The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

REVELATION 1:9-20 (NIV)

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Where is your ideal places to visit in the world (top 5)?
- What would a place you would never want to go?

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

- Have you ever faced persecution? Does it help knowing that you are not alone?
- When was the last time you were found in awe of our awesome God?
- What do you think it means for "truth to be revealed when we worship?"
- What was Peter, James, and John's reaction to being in the presence of God? (Mark 9, Matthew 17)
- Jesus is revealed in his three "offices" that Pastor Joseph mentioned in his sermon. (Prophet, Priest, King). What are ways that Jesus lived this out in his ministry on earth?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What would have been your reaction to standing before Jesus?
- Have there been times were you found it hard to worship because of life circumstances? Share one of those times...

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, Jesus, Help us remember you in our daily walk and our daily lives. Help us find ways to put you first and worship you in spirit. Reveal to us the Truth so that our lives may more fully reflect your image in the world around us. Amen

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

- Be specific - What are ways you can re-center your focus on God when it seems like it is hardest?
- How can the group pray for you this week?