

Revelation August 18 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, watch a video, and ask a question (25 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life.

Read Revelation 1:1-3.

Watch the Week 1 life group introductory video on Revelation.

Questions to ask:

- Have you ever read through Revelation before? How many times?
- What has your experience been like reading it?
- What thoughts, feelings, or expectations do you have as we enter into Revelation?

Break into smaller groups for deeper discussion (30 minutes).

- Revelation is an apocalypse; it's *unveiling* something. That's what the word "revelation" means in **Revelation 1:1**. When was a time when some aspect of Jesus or God's reality was "unveiled" to you? Where at one point you didn't see what you now do? How did that change how you think about and reflect on the world now?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 4:2-6.** Talk about the tension of things being veiled and things being unveiled. How have you seen this tension at work in your own life and at work in people you try to share Christ with?
- Is there anything from Revelation you're hoping to have "unveiled" to you in a deeper way as we go through this series? Explain.

- How does knowing that Revelation is "from Jesus Christ" (1:1) shape how you come to this text?
- **Read Revelation 1:3.** What is the kind of person that will be blessed according to this verse? On a scale of 1-10, how much or how little do you feel like you're postured to be that kind of person? Explain.
- In his sermon, Dan talked about three blessings of Revelation:
 - 1. It blesses us with awe and wonder (Revelation 4-5).
 - 2. It blesses us with courage and resilience (Revelation 2-3).
 - 3. It blesses us with joy and hope (Revelation 21-22).

First, ask, "Which of the three 'blessings' of Revelation do you want cultivated more deeply in your life? How can this group help you with that?

Then, take a few moments and pick one of the above categories. Read the text assigned to the category of your choosing, each person taking a few verses at a time. Then, as a group take turns praying for that specific blessing to be given to your group.

Come back together as a large group and then split into triads for prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).

As you wrap up, split your group into mixed gendered triads. In each triad, have people share their prayer requests. Once each person is finished sharing, each person should then pray for the person on their right until every person in the triad group is prayed for.

Finish with logistics (5 minutes).

- Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you walk through our Revelation series! You can find that material here at thecreek.org/devotionals.
- Consider signing up for the 10-week Beholding Revelation course beginning September 10! Plan to share some of these details with the group.
 - O Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm in the Chapel
 - o Children's programming available
 - Learn more and sign up at thecreek.org today.