

Revelation Week 2 August 25 | Weekly Devotionals

## OPEN with prayer.

Begin this devotional exercise by finding a quiet place where you can spend time with God in his word. Before reading, pray that the Holy Spirit would open your eyes and heart to what God wants to say to you.

## READ Revelation 1:9-20.

• How does John describe himself in 1:9?

• Where was John, why was he there, and when (see 1:9-10)?

•	Who are the seven churches that John writes will be the recipients of his vision in 1:11?
•	Compare Daniel 3, 7, 10 and Ezekiel 1 with Revelation 1:13-16. What do you find?
•	What are the "lampstands" mentioned in 1:12-13 (compare with Revelation 1:20)?
•	Imagine Jesus saying to you what he says to John in 1:17-18 ("Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 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.") Describe what each of these means in your own words in the space below:
	o "Do not be afraid" means
	o "I am the First and the Last" means
	o "I am the Living One" means

o "I was dead, and now…I am alive for ever and ever" means…
o "I hold the keys of Death and Hades" means
REFLECT
<ul> <li>Take a few moments to consider John's heart for the churches to follow Jesus. How would you describe your own heart for people in your life to follow Jesus? Is it similar to John's? Different? Explain.</li> </ul>
• Take a look at the command or titles or descriptions of Christ that you noted above (e.g. "Do not be afraid" or "the Living One" or "I hold the keys of Death and Hades"). Which of these do you need to hold closely to your heart in this season? Why?
PRAY
Using your notes from last week and this week, write a prayer to God using the language of Revelation 1. You can pray whatever you like, the challenge will be to allow this text to be your jumping off point for the makeup of your prayer!