



Revelation 1:9-20
August 25 | 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 1:9-20**.

[Watch the Week 2 life group introductory video on Revelation.](#)

Questions to ask:

- Why might knowing the Old Testament well help you understand what happens in the New Testament? Did you realize that Revelation was steeped so heavily in the Old Testament?
- Take a few moments to discuss some details of this passage. Consider the following:
 - 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?
 - How is Jesus described according to 1:17-18?
 - How do your answers to these questions set up the context of this book?

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

- What stood out to you or resonated from Dan's sermon? What do you have questions about?
- In his sermon, Dan mentioned how this passage emphasized Jesus' wisdom, perception, strength, gravitas, dominion, judgment, and glory. How would you compare this picture of Jesus with the one that you typically have in your mind? What similarities are there? What differences?

- Why might developing a picture of Jesus like this be important? What practical applicability might that have for your life?
- In the message, Dan also highlighted how important Jesus' clothes are to John. Read **Revelation 1:13**. What is Jesus wearing? What does this priestly attire say about him? How might **Hebrews 10:11-12** shed light on this?
- In this passage, we also see that Jesus is standing among his church. He is present. How has Jesus' presence in your life been a comfort and a confidence to you in your past?
- Imagine Jesus saying **Revelation 1:17-18** to you ("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:
 - "Do not be afraid" means for me that...
 - "I am the First and the Last" means for me that ...
 - "I am the Living One" means for me that ...
 - "I was dead, and now...I am alive for ever and ever" means for me that ...
 - "I hold the keys of Death and Hades" means for me that ...

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

Like last week, as you wrap up, split your group into mixed 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.
 - Tuesday evenings, 6:30-8:30pm in the Chapel
 - Children's programming available
 - [Learn more and sign up at thecreek.org today.](http://thecreek.org)