

Revelation
August 18 | 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 1:1-8.

• According to Revelation 1:1, what are the "links" in the "chain" of how Revelation's message was communicated? Fill in the middle three.

\_\_\_\_God\_\_\_ --> \_\_\_\_\_ --> \_\_\_\_\_ --> \_\_\_\_\_ --> "his servants"

• According to Revelation 1:3, the blessing of Revelation is given to the person who does what three things? What do those three things mean for you in your life?

•	What three attributes are mentioned of Jesus in Revelation 1:5? What do you think each one means?	
•	Reflect on how John describes believers who are in Christ in 1:5-6. In what ways are believers described here? What does it mean for us to be made a "kingdom" and "priests" to serve God?	
•	How is God described in Revelation 1:8?	
REFLECT		
•	Which of the titles of God or Christ that you noted above are most meaningful to you? Most comforting to you? Hardest for you to grasp? Easiest for you to understand? When have you "seen" either God or Jesus (or both) in such a way that you have fallen "facedown?" Write about those circumstances and consider sharing those with your group.	

When was the last time you felt the love from "him who loves us and has freed is from our sins by his blood?" Reflect on the circumstance and then note how ong ago that experience of Jesus' love for you was. How long ago was it? What prompted it? If it has been a little while, what has kept you from noticing his love or you?
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• How does the proclamation of Jesus' return (verse 7) influence your hope and anticipation for the future?

## **PRAY**

Take anything that you reflected on above and pray that to God. Next, take a moment to intentionally pray for a deeper revelation of Jesus in your life. You may consider using one of the above Scriptures as a prompt for your prayer.