

Westwood Baptist Church



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Worship Guide for January 10, 2021

Sermon Notes

A Compelling Vision of Christ in His Church

Revelation 1:9-20

A “study in the book of Revelation” often leads us to think of events yet to come. Since it is an apocalyptic book, Revelation is a stunning and strange unveiling of future events, filled with symbolism and scenes that confuse and confound us. But Revelation is not just about the future. Like every part of Scripture, Revelation is given *“for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness”* (2 Timothy 3:16). Through Revelation God intended to bless, comfort and encourage his people in every generation to be faithful and persevere in every circumstance, in every culture, in everything.

The whole book, in one way or another, is about Jesus. At three strategic points in the book of Revelation we see a dramatic heavenly vision of Christ. Toward the end of the book, he is the King of kings who is coming again (19:11-21). Earlier in Revelation, he is the warrior Lamb sitting on the throne of heaven (5:5-14). Today in chapter one, we see the first supernatural glimpse into the invisible spiritual realm. It is a compelling vision of Christ moving in his church, a vision of Jesus that is as needed today as it was for John and those first century Christians. Today Jesus stands within his church to confront us, to steady us, to assure us, and to give us boldness to live for him.

John – Our Faithful Brother and Companion in the Kingdom (Rev 1:9)

John – The Faithful Prophet Hearing the Call and Commission of God (Rev 1:10)

Jesus – The Son of Man Present and Powerful Within His Church (Rev 1:11-16)

Jesus – The Living One Comforts and Commissions His Church (Rev 1:17-20)

Application for Christ’s Church Today:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

In what way is suffering and persecution a corporate event? What does it mean to be partners with those who are being persecuted and suffering?

What is most striking to you about the portrait of Jesus as seen in verses 13-16? Why?

In what ways does the reality that is unveiled for us in this first vision of Jesus clarify for us the truth of his identity, our lives, and the nature of the world? How does this reality comfort us?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.*

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