

Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*

Worship Guide for December 19, 2021

Sermon Notes

The Final Trustworthy and True Word

Revelation 22:6-21

As we come to the end of Revelation, we see it come full circle. What we heard at the beginning, we hear again at the end. “The book is a seamless garment.” (Garland) The unveiling of “the things that must soon take place” (1:1) has come to John, and at the end we hear, “the time is near”, “I am coming soon”. These are the “trustworthy and true” words from Jesus himself and the messengers sent by him.

Another reality comes full circle in Revelation. The final word in the New Testament is also the grand conclusion of the redemption story that begins in Genesis. What was good, then broken and cursed in Genesis, is re-created and brought to a glorious consummation in the new heaven and new earth. The dwelling place of God is with man and all things are made new.

Last words are important. How true that is for these last words! They bring us full circle. They come from Christ himself and require a proper response from all creation. What Jesus said in the beginning of Revelation holds the same urgency at the end: he/she who has an ear must hear this word from the Lord.

This trustworthy and true word brings us full circle

Full circle in Revelation

Full circle in Scripture’s redemptive story

This trustworthy and true word is from Christ Himself

He gives us a word of promise & expectation

He gives us a word of blessing

He gives us a word of warning & assurance

He gives us a word of self-identity

He gives us a word of authority

This trustworthy and true word requires our response

Our response of worship

Our response of repentance

Our response of obedience

Our response of invitation/evangelization

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Know

**What does God intend for me to know?
In your journal, use the following prompts to write
some truths that stood out from this week's message.**

I never knew...	I was reminded...	A question I still have...
I was challenged...	I was convicted...	A truth I could share...
I was encouraged to...		I need to dig deeper into...

Be (Consider)

**What does God's Word lead me to prayerfully consider?
In your journal, use the following questions to write
some prompts to use in praying through this week's passage.**

Is there a command to obey?	Am I convicted to confess any sin?
How am I compelled to exalt God?	Is there a sin to avoid?
Is there a promise to claim?	How do I need to rest in Jesus/the gospel?
Is there a principle to follow?	How can I pray for someone else?
Is there an example to follow?	What am I compelled to love or desire?

Do (Yield)

**How does God's Word call me to yield my life? In your journal, write
your answers and thoughts in response to the following questions.**

How does the book of Revelation help us understand our identity? How does this contrast the way our culture seeks to shape that?

How has this study of Revelation helped you make better sense of all of Scripture?

As we wrap up this study in chapter 22, what is one step of obedience you are convicted to take in response? How can your group pray for you in this?

**Use this guide to help you internalize this week's message & to prepare for Life Group.*

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