

BIBLE READING

Recap: Revelation 1: 1-8; 5:13-6:2

INTRO - Revelation's Revelations!

Just about to get into the tough stuff!
But plenty of revelations so far!

The Buddha, Mohammed, Winston Churchill, Ghandi etc.
are not coming back. JESUS is coming back!
Every eye will see Him!

Recap Revelation's Relevant Revelations!

1. JESUS

He's coming back soon!

2. CHURCH

He's coming back for His church
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come!" Rev 22.17

3. WORDS

Jesus has finished speaking for now (Rev 3:22) and doesn't speak again
until Rev 22:7, 12 saying, "I am coming again soon!"

4. HISTORY, TIMING & THE FUTURE

One thing we can be sure of! Jesus is coming back soon!

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

In a family, small group or community

These notes are to help you as a family, community or small group unpack the Sunday teaching. It's a bit unrealistic for a small group to do everything - **so feel free to be selective!**

OPENER

If you knew Jesus was coming back tomorrow, what would you do today? Would you do anything different to what you have planned? Honestly?

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION TOPICS

Jesus

From Revelation chapters 1 to 5, we have seen imagery of Jesus and heard words of Jesus to seven churches, as well as to John. Build up a big picture of Jesus by all sharing different aspects of who He is, as depicted in Revelation. Is this the same Jesus you knew before, the same Jesus you have seen in the Gospels?

Church & Words

Jesus spoke very specific messages to seven churches in Asia. They are relevant to us too. In what ways do you think He speaks to our church today? Think back to last Sunday's family worship as well as the preaching...

What do you think about a group of people listening for God to give them words for our church at 10.05am on Sundays? Do you think this is a good idea and if not why not? Would you be willing to join them? (If so please let me know before I go on sabbatical on Feb 15th!)

History, Timing and the Future

End-times! So many Christians have got this wrong! So many different understandings and theories! What do you think we need to know? What do you think are the key features of the end-times that God wants us to know, from your current understanding of scripture?

A genuine question from Graham to everyone at CCF before I go on sabbatical.

Looking back over the first six chapters of Revelation only, are there any parts of this prophetic and apocalyptic revelation that I have not covered adequately, from your point of view? Why is that? Or, to put it differently, from chapters 1 to 6, are there any outstanding questions you want answered?

If you have found this series interesting / a blessing / a challenge / inspiring – or whatever word you choose, you could let me know that too!

Please let me have any comments in writing / email / letter during the early stages of my sabbatical, **by the end of February** please – not after that! Thanks. Graham

LISTENING TO GOD

Ask two questions of Jesus.

1. Is there anything specific that You want to warn us (this group) about as we gather here?
2. Is there anything specific that You want to encourage us about?

You might give time to both, but if you are very new to this way of listening to God, concentrate on 2 rather than 1. It's safer.

Ask the Holy Spirit to give pictures, words, scriptures etc. and trust Him for good understanding and interpretation. Expect Him to speak and be willing to take a risk in sharing what He gives. Remain humble.

Let your group be a safe place to learn to hear from God. You do have to put your toe in the water!