



Week 1: The Unveiling of Jesus

Chapter one of Revelation sets the tone for the entire book. It's not a cryptic code for the end times, but a powerful call to courageous discipleship in the here and now. John shows us that Jesus isn't just a coming King, but that He's reigning right now and offers hope for anyone walking through pain, doubt, or discouragement. Our hope isn't in a future event—it's in a present Savior who has already overcome.

Discussion Questions:

1. When you think about the book of Revelation, what comes to mind? Is it a book that excites you, confuses you, or maybe even intimidates you? Why?
2. What does it mean that Revelation is "the revelation of Jesus Christ" (**Rev. 1:1**)? How does starting with Jesus shape how we read the rest of the book?
3. **Revelation 1:5** describes Jesus as the "faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth." Which of these titles speaks to you most right now, and why?
4. How does understanding Revelation as a message of present hope (not just future prophecy) change your view of the book—and your faith today?
5. What are some "lower story" circumstances in your life right now? How does the "upper story" of God's victory give you perspective, peace, or courage? How can you live from that victory this week?
6. Close your time together by praying for some of those lower story circumstances mentioned. Pray for one another to live in and from Jesus' victory.