

KEY SCRIPTURE & SERMON POINTS:

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"This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near." - --- **Revelation 1:1-3 NLT**

"When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead. But he laid his right hand on me and said, 'Don't be afraid! I am the First and the Last. I am the living one. I died, but look—I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and the grave.'"
- **Revelation 1:17-18 (NLT)**

"All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen."
- **Revelation 1:5-6 (NLT)**

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."
- **Matthew 22:37 (ESV)**

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ."
- **Philippians 3:8-10 (ESV)**

"Lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."
- **Hebrews 12:1 (ESV)**

"I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind He will find acceptable."
- **Romans 12:1 (NLT)**

"Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."
- **1 Peter 4:8-10 (ESV)**

☐ "So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith."
- **Galatians 6:9-10 (NLT)**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Start talking. (Pick one) Find a conversation starter for your group.

- If you could witness any biblical event in person, which one would you choose and why?
- Share a time when you felt in awe of something or someone. How did that moment impact you?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
- Read Revelation 1:12-16. It describes Jesus in a powerful, awe-inspiring way. What specific details stand out to you, and why do you think John used such vivid imagery to describe Jesus?
- In Revelation 1:17, John falls at Jesus' feet "as if dead." Why do you think John reacted this way to Jesus' appearance, even though he knew Jesus well during His earthly ministry?
- Pastor Jeff mentioned that "Jesus is the event of Revelation" rather than over-focusing on deciphering end times symbols. How does this focus on Jesus shift the way we should study Revelation?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How has your understanding of Jesus changed over the years? Are there ways you've reduced His power and majesty in your life?
- Jesus' plan is unstoppable, but that doesn't mean we won't face hardship. What's one area in your life where you need to trust more in Jesus' plan and let go of control?
- Revelation is described as a book that "recalibrates our lives around Jesus." What areas of your life need recalibrating, and how can you refocus on making Jesus central?
- The idea that Jesus' love for His church is "unyielding" challenges us to love the church as He does. How have you experienced this love from your church community, and how can you extend it to others?
- The sermon speaks of Revelation unveiling Jesus' unstoppable plan. Why is it important for us to remember that Jesus' victory is not only future but also present? How does this affect the way we live today?
- The message spoke of how Revelation provides both strength during trying times and humility during prosperous times. How can understanding these two aspects of Jesus' work help us navigate life's challenges and successes?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Jesus! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you for choosing to love us and for never giving up on us! In your immense glory and awesomeness, you took us in our sin and rebellion against you and died for our iniquity. Then, in all of our faults and failures, you never forsake us! Thank you! Help us to walk faithfully, fully surrendered to you more by the day! In Jesus' name, amen!

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Reflect on how Jesus loves His church with an unyielding love. What's one specific action you can take this week to serve your church or a member of your church family with that same love?
- Identify one area of your life that's out of alignment with Jesus' plan (a habit, mindset, relationship, etc.). Take one step forward this week, making that area of life more aligned with Jesus' plan.