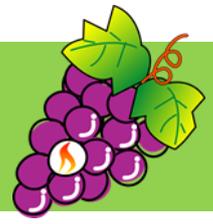




LIFE GROUP NOTES

Studies in Revelation.

Based on *Revelation For Everyone* by Tom Wright



Part 1. Overview, introduction and messages to the churches

Warm Up

What do think about the book of Revelation? What worries you? What excites you?

Background and context

Read the background booklet or the introduction to Revelation in the NIV Bible.

The first chapter of the book sets out the purpose of the book and reveals who Christ is in all His glory. Then chapters two and three reveal Jesus' message to specific churches in Asia Minor. They also speak to us today.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

Read Chapter 1. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.



1. Who is the book of Revelation about? What do we learn about Him?
2. Why does John call his experience a "testimony" ?
3. Where is John when he writes down his experience? Why would this be important to his original readers?
4. Read Daniel 7:9-14. What connections do you see between Daniel's dream and John's vision? Why might this be important to John's original readers?
5. Read v17-18. What does Jesus say about Himself? Why is this important to the original readers?
6. Read v19-20. How do we know Jesus stands with the Church in times of suffering?
7. Read ch 2-3. The messages to the 7 churches. What does Jesus say is praiseworthy? In what ways does He challenge the churches?
8. How might these messages be for all churches everywhere in any time?

NB: use Tom Wright's book for additional questions and information in these chapters.

Growing in discipleship: Practical application



9. How have these opening chapters influenced you? Have they changed your opinions?
10. How can we apply what we have learned to our own lives today?

Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.



We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.