



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

REVELATION 1:1-8

AUG. 14
2022

Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

1. What are your personal observations about the passage?
 - What sticks out to you (words, phrases, concepts, themes)?
 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What words or phrases in these verses help tell us what kind of book this is and, therefore, give us some guidelines on how to interpret it?

APPLICATION

7. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
8. Revelation 1:3 says, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near." Do you believe that reading Revelation is a blessing or a burden? Are there any feelings you need to confess to the Lord as we begin our series on Revelation—one of the most controversial books in the Bible (e.g.: intellectual pride, anxiety about not understanding, apathy thinking it doesn't apply to your life, etc.)?

FURTHER RESOURCES

Book: [Blessed: Experience the Promise of the Book of Revelation](#) by Nancy Guthrie ([Read Chapter 1](#))

Article: ["4 Reasons We Avoid the Book of Revelation"](#) by Nancy Guthrie
[Children's Ministries Family Devotional](#)



SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

REVELATION 1:9-20

AUG. 21
2022

Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

1. What are your personal observations about the passage?
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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
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 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. Does it matter that this book is a letter written to certain churches (1:11)? How does that help us see the purpose or practicality of this book?
6. How is Jesus described here? How is this different than the ways we see him described in the Gospels? Why is it so different in this context?

APPLICATION

7. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
8. When John saw Jesus here, he "fell at his feet as though dead" (1:17). How much are you in awe of Jesus and his power? How does John's vision of Jesus need to change how you relate to Jesus this week?

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Article: ["10 Things You Should Know about the Book of Revelation"](#) by Nancy Guthrie
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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

REVELATION 2:1-11

AUG. 28
2022

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 - Why do these things stick out to you?
 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What problems are pointed out about the churches of Ephesus and Smyrna? Do these problems have any similarities in today's Christian churches (including ours)?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Have you "abandoned the love you had at first" (2:4)? What can you do this week to reset and display your love for Jesus and for others in a real, tangible way?

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Video/Article: "[What the Church Today Needs to Hear from the Book of Revelation](#)" by Nancy Guthrie

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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

REVELATION 2:12-3:6

SEPT. 11
2022

Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

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 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
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 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What problems are pointed out about the churches of Pergamum, Thyatira, and Sardis? How would you phrase these problems in your own words?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Do you know anyone who claims to be a Christian but they "are dead" (3:1)? What can you do to help this person "wake up" (3:2) and "repent" (3:3) and follow Jesus in sincere faith and obedience?

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SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

REVELATION 3:7-22

SEPT. 18
2022

Read this week's passage aloud before discussing together.

OBSERVATION

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 - Does it remind you of other Bible passages?
2. Examine the context of the passage:
 - What's happening in the book before and after the passage?
 - What's going on in history at the time of the passage?
 - What type of literature or genre is the passage?
3. What was one of your main takeaways from Sunday's sermon?

INTERPRETATION

4. What questions does this passage raise for you?
5. What problems are pointed out about the churches of Philadelphia and Laodicea? How would you phrase these problems in your own words?

APPLICATION

6. How should you apply this passage to your life? Consider how it applies to your thoughts, attitudes, habits, decisions, relationship with God, and relationships with others.
7. Are you "neither hot nor cold" in your spiritual life and obedience right now (3:15)? What is one thing that you can do to strengthen your passion for obedience to Jesus in an area of your spiritual life where you are weak or apathetic?

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