

Revelation 1:1-8

K-Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1:8. What does verse 8 tell us about who God is and how does this help us live faithfully in our present situation? Notice too that in 1:4-5a we receive grace and peace not only from God the Father but also from the “seven spirits” (a reference to the Holy Spirit) and from Jesus. God who revealed himself as Yahweh to Moses (Exod. 3:14) now reveals himself as Father, Son and Spirit— the Holy Trinity. Notice also that expressions that are used of the Father in 1:8 and 21:6 are also used of Jesus in 22:13 (cf. also 1:17).
2. How does it change your outlook on each day to realize that we are already living in the last days when Jesus could return at any time? If John (and the author of Hebrews) saw himself as living in the last days, so should we.
3. Is it helpful and encouraging to you to know that God has spoken into our situation? What might life be like if God had not spoken?
4. Why is it not just cliché to say that God’s main word to us is Jesus?
5. 1:5a tells us who Jesus is (faithful witness, firstborn from dead, ruler). 1:5b-6 tells us what Jesus has done (loves us, freed us from our sins by his death, and made us to be a kingdom and priests). 1:7 tells us what Jesus will do (coming with clouds, every eye will see him, people of earth will mourn). Of all that we are told about Jesus, what is the most meaningful to you? Why?