

“All In”

Week 1 - Revelation

warm-up

Group Ice Breaker: Have each person in the group answer these three questions:

1. When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
2. Now that you are “Grown Up”, how has that dream changed?
3. Looking to the future, answer the question again, “What do I want to become?”

word & application

Revelation 1:1-6

*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. This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia. **Grace and peace to you** from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. 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. Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him—even those who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen! **“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,”** says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”*

Discussion & Application: *Explore these questions through in-depth conversation.*

The book of Revelation is, well, just that – a revelation. It’s a promise of what is to come, and also a revelation of what God already sees. And as this revelation is being brought to John, here is how God describes us (through the angel):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Blessed by God, the Holy Spirit and Jesus | <input type="checkbox"/> Loved |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Receivers of Grace and Peace | <input type="checkbox"/> Freed from Sin |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Kingdom Priests for God |

God goes on to say that He is the Alpha and Omega – Beginning and End. In other words, He has spoken and His words are final. He sees all things from outside the context of time and space, and He has spoken these things over our lives!

- If this is how God sees us, then how can we learn to accept His view of us?*
- What could happen if we not only accepted this identity for ourselves, but for others as well?*
- If Christ’s return is truly eminent, how crucial is it that we reach others with His love and forgiveness? How can these “God views” of us and others help us accomplish this?*

prayer

Share recent “God moments”. Pray over requests. Pray that we can embrace Jesus Christ’s call to accept His eternal view of us – and others – and allow this to motivate us to reach others with His love.