



Sermon Discussion Guide

"To Him Who Loves Us" Greetings to the Seven Churches

Revelation 1:4-8
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Optional Opener:

What is the best letter you have ever received and why?

Questions:

1. Revelation is a letter written to particular people who were facing severe troubles, persecutions, trials, and sufferings. What aspect of the gospel would be especially important amidst such circumstances?
2. In the opening greeting of John's letter to the churches in Asia, he shares seven descriptions of Jesus. Jesus is 1) the faithful witness; 2) the firstborn of the dead; 3) the ruler of kings on earth. 4) To him who loves us; 5) and has freed us from our sins by his blood; 6) and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father; 7) Behold, he is coming with the clouds.

Discuss what each of these seven descriptions mean?

3. The first action verb that describes Jesus is love (v 4). Why is it so important to know that he continuously loves us.
4. What does it mean to be a priest in God's kingdom? What do priests do? How could it change your life to know that you are already a priest in God's kingdom?
5. Jesus is described as, "he is coming with the clouds". This is a reference from Daniel 7:13. Please take some time to read Daniel 7 for background.
6. Revelation 1:7 may be the theme verse for the entire letter. Why is this verse so important?

Practical application:

7. If you were asked to tell someone three facts about Jesus that are especially significant to you, what would you say (refer to question #2 above)? Why are these facts so important to you?
8. Read Ephesians 3:14-19. Please pray this prayer for your group and for yourself.