



Sermon Discussion Guide

"A Vision of Jesus"

Revelation 1:9-20
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Optional Opener:

From all that you have read or experienced before opening Revelation, what images or pictures do you have of Jesus?

Questions:

1. In Revelation, John was writing to people who were facing tribulation. The Greek word for "tribulation" can be translated "trouble, trial, oppression, persecution, affliction, pressure, suffering, distress, and hard circumstances". Where have you faced tribulation?
2. What does it mean to be "in the spirit" (v 10)? What does it mean, "on the Lord's Day" (v 10)? Please see Old Testament references for "the day of the Lord". Isa 13:6, 9; Jer 46:10; Ezek 30:3; Joel 1:15; Joel 2:1,11; Joel 3:14; Amos 5:18, 20; Obad 15; Zeph 1:7,14.
3. Revelation 1:10-16 starts the very first vision in the Revelation of Jesus Christ. What did John hear and see?
4. In verses 12-13 John turns and sees one like a son of man (a reference from Daniel 7:13). Referring to Daniel 7 for context, what do we learn about the one like a son of man?

Prayerful application:

5. Close your eyes and have someone read Rev 1:12-16 again, slowly. Meditate on it. What description of Jesus caught your attention? What do the images suggest about Christ? How does this make you feel? How did this make John feel (v 17)?
6. How are the words that are spoken to John in Rev 1:17-20 words of encouragement?
7. Where are you feeling afraid in this season of your life? Take a moment to read Rev 1:17-18, slowly, and imagine Jesus putting his right hand on you and saying those words to you and your group right now.