Sermon Discussion Guide

"Introduction to Revelation"
(Prologue)
Revelation 1:1-3
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What do you think is being revealed in the Book of Revelation?

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Optional Opener:

What kind of literature or written work do you identify with most? Mystery? Science Fiction? Technical? Thriller? Poetry? Adventure? Explain.

Questions:

1. Have you ever read the book of Revelation? If so, what were your first impressions?

2. The title of the book of Revelation is "The Revelation of Jesus Christ". How do you think keeping the full title in mind will help you understand Revelation?

3. What words come to your mind when you hear or read the word "apocalypse"? How does our current society understand the word "apocalypse"? The Greek word for revelation is apocalypse, which means "to reveal what is hidden". How do you think understanding its original meaning will impact your reading of the book of Revelation?

4. Revelation is words of prophecy. What is unique about prophetic literature?

5. The best way to interpret Revelation is to let Revelation interpret itself. How have you seen people or cults badly handle the Revelation?

6. At UCM, we "major on the majors and minor on the minors." Our theological motto is: "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things, charity." How will this motto help us as we study the Revelation together?

Personal and Group Application:

7. What pressures would ever cause you to feel like "quitting" Jesus? What truths about God would keep you going at such times?

8. Revelation is the only letter in the Bible that promises that we will be "blessed" if we hear and keep its message. There are seven blessings in the Revelation. The word "blessed" appears in (1:3, 14:13, 16:15, 19:9, 20:6, 22:7, and 22:14). How do you want to be blessed? Please pray that everyone who hears and keeps its message will experience a profound blessing in their lives during our journey through the Revelation sermon series.