



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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**"'I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA,' SAYS THE LORD GOD, 'WHO IS AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME, THE ALMIGHTY.'" - REVELATION 1:8**

## FROM THE TEXT

- THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS OFTEN AN INTIMIDATING BOOK TO READ AND STUDY. WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION? HOW IS IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS? READ REVELATION 1:1-9 AND DISCUSS THE CONTEXT OF THIS BOOK (AUTHOR, AUDIENCE, PURPOSE, TIMEFRAME, ETC.).
- READ REVELATION 1:10-20 AND DISCUSS JOHN'S VISION IN THIS PASSAGE. WHAT STANDS OUT TO YOU IN THESE VERSES? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM JOHN'S RESPONSE TO WHAT HE SAW?

## FROM THE SERMON

- ON SUNDAY, PASTOR CHRIS SHARED THAT ONE OF THE KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING THE BOOK OF REVELATION IS KNOWING WHO THE MAIN CHARACTER IS. CHRIS TAUGHT THAT THE GREEK WORD FOR REVELATION IS APOKALYPSIS WHICH MEANS UNVEILING. REREAD REVELATION 1:1 WITH THIS IN MIND. WHO IS THE MAIN CHARACTER AND WHY DOES HE NEED TO BE UNVEILED?
- AS WE SEE FROM REVELATION 1:1, THIS BOOK IS AN UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST. WHAT DOES REVELATION 1 TELL US ABOUT JESUS CHRIST?

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- READ REVELATION 1:3 AGAIN. WHAT IS JOHN CALLING THE READERS OF REVELATION TO DO? THROUGHOUT THE BOOK OF REVELATION JOHN CALLS FOR REPENTANCE AND ENDURANCE. WHAT DOES REPENTANCE AND ENDURANCE LOOK LIKE IN YOUR LIFE?
- SHARE WITH THE GROUP AN AREA OF YOUR LIFE THAT NEEDS ENDURANCE (AN AREA OF STRUGGLE OR DIFFICULTY WHERE YOU HAVE TO LEAN ON YOUR FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST). HOW CAN WE ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO ENDURE IN OUR FAITH?

## PRAYER FOCUS

PRAY FOR EYES TO SEE AND EARS TO HEAR THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD CONTINUE TO REVEAL WHO HE IS IN YOUR LIFE. PRAY THAT YOU WOULD RESPOND TO GOD'S TRUTH AS HE OPENS YOUR EYES AND CONVICTS YOUR HEART. PRAY FOR PERSEVERANCE THROUGH SUFFERING AND TRIALS FOR YOURSELF AND FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY FOR CHRIST'S RETURN.