

Revelation 1:1-8 / Prologue

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Easy warm-up questions (which may be vaguely related to the text and topic... or not). Choose one question to answer.

- 1. If you could eliminate one month of the year, which would it be and why?
- 2. If you could ask Jesus to change one problem in the world today, which problem would you pick?

Read and consider verses 1 to 3:

- 1. Who gave the revelation?
- 2. Who is the revelation about?
- 3. What was the purpose of the revelation?
- 4. What is the meaning of verse 3? How would you explain it in your own words?
- 5. How might verse 3 be applied to your life today?

Read and consider verses 4 to 8:

- 1. What does the offer of God's grace and peace mean to you personally? Perhaps, you might share a time when you experienced a deep sense of God's grace and peace.
- 2. John's greeting includes a list of reasons that we should give glory to God followed by a doxology (a short hymn of praise to God) and the affirmations: "Amen!" and, "Even so. Amen." What do verses 4 to 8 help you to understand about the triune God? About God the Father? About God the Holy Spirit? About God the Son?
- 3. How might these truths about God and the example of John's response be applied to your life today? (exploring that 2 questions to ask yourself: 1) How can I praise God for what this teaches me? 2) How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?)
- 4. In what is revealed in these verses about Jesus Christ stands out to you as especially significant and helpful for you to hang on to?

Processing all that...

- 1. How might what is revealed here form (inform & reform) your response to the drama around you? Why and how?
- How might what is revealed here form (inform & reform) your response to God? Why and how?

Bonus Questions

- 1. What do you need to confess because of what is revealed here?
- 2. What do you need to ask of God in order to press into God more in light of what is revealed here?

Homework

- 1. Read Revelation 1:9-20 (out loud)
- 2. This week, share what you've learned from this study with someone else.
- 3. Extra Credit: Read Revelation 1-22 (out loud)