

### Revelation 22:8-21 / Invitation

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### Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

- 1. What is one thing you are looking forward to doing in eternity that you are unable to do now?
- What was one invitation that you wanted to accept, but couldn't?

## John's Testimony 22:8-11

- These days, the credibility of the messenger is not as important as the believability of the message.
  Agree Disagree
- In your mind, what makes someone credible as a witness?
- 3. Why is it so important that John is a credible witness?
- 4. What makes John credible to you? Put another way, why do you believe that John saw what John says he saw?

# Jesus' Affirmation 22:12-16

- 1. How does Jesus describe Himself? Why do you think this description is important to hear at this point in the book?
- 2. What does Jesus promise? What does He give warning about? Why do you think these are important to be reminded of at this point in the book?
- 3. Why is Jesus' back fill reminder of how the revelation was given to John (see Revelation 1:1) important at this point in the book?
- 4. In these verses Jesus affirms the validity of the revelation and the credibility of John. These days, how is Jesus' affirmation significant to you?

#### Our Invitation 22:17-20

1. In these verses there are three "come" invitations given. With each, Who is inviting Whom and how might that be relevant to you?

## John's Benediction 22:21

1. There are a number of New Testament books that end with a benediction of grace (Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 16:23; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 6:18; Ephesians 6:24; Hebrews 13:25). What makes this benediction especially meaningful?

#### Processing all that...

1. That Jesus may return "soon" creates an urgency to our response of faith and following. CEFC' Statement of Faith, Article 9 describes that urgency as: "The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission." These days was does that "urgency" look like in your life?

#### **Homework** (suggestions for going farther)

- 1. Who do you know that needs to "come" by hearing and responding to God's invitation graciously given through Jesus?
- 2. More than "just" answering question #1 with a name, what steps will you take this week to invite them to "come"?
- 3. How can we as a Life Group be supportive of you as you share the invitation?