

# In-Home Discipleship Guide

Below is a guide to help prepare you (and your small group or family) for Sunday worship. We encourage you to take advantage of this as you are able, and let us know if there are other ways we can serve you at this time.

**THEME:** Christ Revealed

**MEMORY VERSE:** Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

**BIG IDEA:** Christ is Sovereign over all.

**SONGS:** Click [here](#) for Sunday's worship set. *Be sure to subscribe to our channel!*

**TEACHING PASSAGE:** Revelation 1:1-8

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think we have the book of Revelation? (Vv.1-3)
2. In verses 4-6 we see the importance and centrality of Christ in this letter. How can missing the centrality of Christ impact the message of this letter?
3. Twice in verses 4-8 Jesus' return is mentioned. Why is it important that Christians live with both anticipation, and expectancy of Christ's return?
4. What is it about the day when Jesus comes with the clouds that will make it a day of mourning? How does this impact the way we live today?
5. What comforting truths can we draw from verse 8?

## Additional Resources

### **Teaching Passage:** Revelation 1:1-8

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. <sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup> Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

### **Activity:**

Ask: Whom is being revealed and for whom is it revealed in verse 1? (Jesus Christ, servants)

Ask: Who is the greeting from, verse 4?

Say: Just like there are many names for God, there are names for believers in Jesus Christ as well. In this case believers are called servants.

Ask: What are some other names for believers?

Say: There are blessings mentioned in verse 3.

Ask: Who will receive the blessings?

Ask: How does verse 3 affect the way you feel about reading and learning more in Revelation?

Ask: What do we learn about Jesus in verse 5? Who rules over all the kings? Discuss a little about the upcoming election and how this verse should give you comfort.

Ask: What do we know Jesus has done for us from verse 6?

Ask: Who will see Jesus coming with the clouds, verse 7? Why do you think they will be wailing?

Ask: How does God describe himself in verses 4 and 8? How does this affect your confidence regarding His power?

**Activity:** Draw or paint a picture of Jesus return as described in these verses. Write names of God around the border of your picture.



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