

Week 9

Small Group

1. Ask what they got out of reading from the last week. (5 Minutes)

2. Beginning Discussion Questions (5-10 Minutes):

1. Why do you think Hebrews was included in the New Testament?
2. What did you think of the book of Philemon? What did you take away from the book of Philemon?
3. Did you see the writer's warnings of false teachers? Do you think that we need to be aware of false teachers just as much now?

3. Video: Week (9:26):

Author: John, who was exiled to Patmos

Date: 90's

Apocalyptic nature of the book of Revelation:

- Its purpose is to encourage believers in the midst of persecution, while prophecy is to correct believers through punishment.
- It speaks of judgement of the enemies of God, while prophecy speaks more of judgement on the people.
- It uses figurative symbolism of the book of Revelation.

The Futurist Method of Interpretation: This method views the book as predictive prophecy of a future and literal tribulation, millennium etc.

Breakdown of Revelation:

1. What you have seen.
2. What is now.
3. What is to come.

The revelation of Jesus:

- The Lord Jesus Christ.
- The faithful and true witness.
- The first and the last, the alpha and omega.
- The Son of God.
- The Word of God.
- The Lion of Judah.
- The root of Jesse.
- The firstborn from the dead.
- The Lamb that was slain.
- The bright and morning star.
- The holy and true.
- The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords.

Three Visions of Jesus in the book of Revelation

1. Vision of His Glory (1:12-17) and in His messages to the 7 Churches.
2. Vision of the Lamb who was worthy to open the book (5-6).
3. Vision of the coming King (19:11-16).

Three major divisions of Revelation

1. Message to the Churches (1-3).
2. Tribulation (4-19).
3. Consummation (20-22).

The Tribulation Period (4-18)

There are three sets of Judgements

1. The Seals
2. The Trumpets
3. The Bowls

The Return of Christ (19)

- The Marriage feast of the Lamb.
- Christ's return with his Saints.
- The battle of Armageddon.
- The Antichrist and False Prophet thrown into the lake of fire.

- Satan bound in the bottomless pit for 1,000 years.

The Millennium or 1,000 year reign of Christ. (20)

The Saints reign with Christ for 1,000 years.

At the end of 1,000 years, Satan is released and fathers a final rebellion which God destroys.

Satan is cast into the Lake of Fire.

The second resurrection and the Great White Throne Judgement.

Those whose names are not in the Book of Life are cast into the Lake of Fire along with the Death and Hades.

4. Go over and discuss video notes with group (5- 7 minutes)

5. Questions from the Video (5-10 Minutes):

1. What is your history of the book of Revelation? Have you ever read it? Do you know a lot about it?
2. Why is Revelation such a hard book to read?

6. Discuss what they are hoping to get out of reading Week 8 (3-5 Minutes)

7. Prayer (5 Minutes)

- Take prayer requests.
- Pray together as a group.