

CBSM Small Group Discussion Guide

The End: What's Revelation Really About? (Revelation 1)

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The one-shot summary of the sermon series:

"The End" is all about the book of Revelation and the doctrine on the end times. Many people use Revelation for arguments, debates, and heated disagreements on what may happen nearing the end of the world. The Apostle John writes the book of Revelation as a motivation for the churches to remain faithful to Christ through persecution and tribulation in view of the end times to come. This book will teach us about the great tribulation, the return of Jesus, the millennium, the final judgement, hell, and heaven...but all of that is to motivate our faithfulness in following Jesus in the here and now.

CBSM Small Group Accountability Questions:

I realize these accountability questions are a little much for the beginning of an already short small group session time. So let's encourage our teens every small group session to have a couple of accountability partners. I would encourage them to have a group of 3 - 4 that talk or meet together every week or two to talk about their lives, their victories, failures, successes, struggles, sins, and obedience.

CBSM Small Group Application Questions:

Conversation: Don't forget the importance of letting your students come in, start conversations, you talk to them on a personal level, and after several minutes transition into the lesson.

Intro: Have you ever had an experience of a fake "Jesus" like Pastor Chip had at the "Judgment House" that He attended? Maybe yours was at an Easter drama, when you were a little kid, etc?

Transition: How true is this statement: People who live for Jesus has a view of Him that outweighs everything else. People who don't live

for Jesus have a view of something or someone else that outweighs their view of Jesus”? What are some things and who are some people that teens today have a higher view of than Jesus. How about for yourself?

Bible: Read Revelation 1:4-20. Pair up with 1 or 2 others in your small group. What is the main point of this passage? What does God seem to be telling you the most? How would you summarize it into a few short words? Share with each other, and then share with the group.

Jesus (Person and Work): With those same pairs, go back through Revelation 1:4-20 and label as many characteristics that apply to Jesus’ person, and characteristics that apply to Jesus’ work. Which attribute about His person, and which attribute about His work sticks out the most to you?

Sin (What, When, and Why): Use the sermon notes and break up your small group into pairs or trios. Give one church of Revelation to each group and have them report back to the small group about the sin they were struggling with. Remember, Smyrna and Philadelphia didn’t have anything listed as bad from Jesus.

Life: Pastor Chip quickly discussed 5 ways to get a revelation of Jesus as our motivation from tribulation (in the application portion of the notes). Ask your small group how they are doing with each of those areas. Help them to feel free to be honest about it.

Scenario: What if you had a friend who said to you, “I just don’t get it. You believe in some dude who you think came along time ago, you never saw him, a bunch of other dudes you never met wrote a book about him, and now you’re waiting on this guy to come back. I’d much rather live for people and things I can see - like my family, my girlfriend/boyfriend, my friends, awesome clothes, new gadgets, new car, etc. How is it that your Jesus outweighs everything else?” How would you answer them with a view of Jesus that shows them He really does outweigh everything and everyone else?

General Outline of a CBSM Small Group Session:

Listen: Let your class talk a few minutes and just listen to them, listen to their weekend, listen to their lives, listen to their week...listen to their hearts.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests before you start the discussion.

Accountability: Ask your class if they did their Bible reading, how their prayer life went this week, who they've witnessed to, and about their relationship with Christ.

Discussion: Ask the listed questions along with other questions that sparked in your mind during your reading. Don't be afraid if they get off track a little. Listen to where their minds and conversations are going, and try to take a wide facilitating turn back to the Word.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests again, but this time ask them to be specifically from what you've studied and discussed that morning. Ask how yall can be praying for each other, and how yall can be praying for the student ministry through the passages. And take time to pray together!

That should easily take up 45 to an hour. If you have any questions...please let me know! Feel free to refer back to this email often. Let me know if you have any helpful suggestions for the rest of the teachers. I'm also attaching a commentary on the book of Judges in case you need it for more answers!

Only by His grace,
Pastor Chip