

**September 18th, 2022**

**Sermon: Letters from God: Jesus words to the Church Part 1**

**Text: Rev. 1:1-8; Revelation 1:1; Mark 13:32; Rev. 19:13-15**

## **SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. At the start of this week's sermon Pastor Clyde provides a lot of historical context for the book of Revelation. How did some of the information provided support or challenge your understanding of the book of Revelation?  

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2. In the introduction of Revelation (1:1-8) the author John references two Old Testament verses and reorients them to Jesus. Why would it be important for John to connect Jesus to these Old Testament visions and prophecies? How would it bring hope to the struggling churches in Asia Minor? (See Daniel 7:13 and Zechariah 12:10)  

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3. In the second part of Clyde's sermon four principles were highlighted that can help us understand Revelation: Circles, Pastor, Poet, and Context. Which of these four principles did you find the most helpful in approaching Revelation? How does seeing the author as both a Pastor and a Poet help in interpretation? (Consider Revelation 19:13-15).  

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4. Clyde shared when reading Revelation that "we need to take Revelation to Ancient Asia Minor before applying it to contemporary Calgary". How does knowing John was writing to an immediate context of seven churches in Asia Minor help in interpreting the book of Revelation? What is the problem with applying Revelation first and foremost to a modern time and context? (Consider Matthew 13:32)  

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