

September 25th, 2022

Sermon: Letters from God: Jesus words to the Church Part 2 (Is It Worth It)

Text: Rev. 1:9-20, Rev. 5:11-13, Heb. 11

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. John is imprisoned on the island of Patmos when he is given the revelation. Have you experienced personal persecution as a result of sharing your faith?
 - a). How have your experiences of Christ helped/encouraged you in times of trouble or discouragement? How did you respond to personal revelation?
 - B). How can we trust in the faithfulness of God even when His presence or promise seems hidden? Consider the struggles of biblical figures like Noah, Abraham, Moses, and others (see Heb. 11).

2. In Rev: 1:10, John refers to being “in the Spirit”. What is your understanding of this? See similar references in 1 Kings 18:12, Ez 3:12, 2 Cor 12:2. H
 - a). Have you ever experienced something similar to this? If so, what was it like?
 - b). And how did it impact your spiritual life?

3. John is shown the images of seven golden lampstands (v12, 20) and seven stars (v16, 20). What are these images shown to represent?
 - a). In last week’s message, Pastor Clyde talked about the symbolism of the number 7. What was it?
 - b). We see the lampstands in both the tabernacle in the wilderness and later in the temple in Jerusalem (see Ex. 25:37, Zec 4:2, 2 Chr 4:20,). What is implied by this continuity?

4. ClydeJohn gives a detailed description of Christ in His glorified form (v13-16). Christ goes on to describe Himself (v17). What impression does this give you? How do you respond to it?
 - a). How does this description compare to others given in scripture (see Daniel 10)?
 - b). John was likely an eyewitness to the living Christ, including to his death and resurrection. How do you think this appearance of Christ might have affected him? How might this compare to the experience of Paul on the road to Damascus (see Acts 9)?
 - c). How does the description John provides reflect his roles as both “pastor” and “poet” (as explained by Pastor Clyde last week)?
 - b). What does it mean to you when Christ says (v18) that He has “the keys of Death and Hades”? How can this give us hope?
