

The Purpose of Revelation
Revelation 1:1-3
Sermon Discussion Questions
August 23, 2020

1. Today begins our series through the book of Revelation. Realizing this book of the Bible brings with it a variety of thoughts and feelings, share with the group your initial thoughts on studying Revelation. Have you read this book before? Why or why not? Why do you believe many Christians shy away from Revelation?
2. The term revelation means to make known something that was once hidden. Is there a particular idea, theme, or passage you're looking to have revealed through our study? What do you think God wants to reveal to Calvary Church about Jesus as we study through this book?
3. In addressing what the book of Revelation is about, Pastor Jim indicated that it speaks about the events that are coming in the future that reveal Jesus' character to us. Pastor Jim also provided a framework as to what he believes will happen in the future (available at calvarygr.org/revealed). As a group, please go through the chart together. Is this new information for you or have you had knowledge from past studies on what the future will be like? Is there anything from the chart/the future that causes you fear in our present moment?
4. One of the purposes of the book of Revelation is to bless us. Just as the New Testament begins with Jesus' first recorded teaching of blessing in Matthew (The Beatitudes), the New Testament ends in Revelation with eight statements of blessing (Rev 1:3a; 1:3b; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7; 22:14). Have you ever thought about or viewed the book of Revelation as a book of blessing?
5. Revelation is about the future, but it is for today. And if we are willing to hear Revelation speaking to our situations today and do something about it, we will be blessed. Spend time in prayer praising God for this book that reveals Jesus and blesses us. Also, spend time praying for the hearts and minds of the Calvary Church congregation as we prepare to study Revelation in depth and embark on a season of fasting and prayer.