

God is the Author of All Things
Revelation 1:4-5a
Sermon Discussion Questions
August 30, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. As we began the book of Revelation last week, what was one thing that stood out to you from the introductory message? At the end of the message, Pastor Jim gave the church the assignment of reading the book aloud throughout the week. Did you take part in this assignment? Describe the experience of reading this book aloud versus other ways you may normally study Scripture.
2. In this message, Pastor Jim described the process of how the book of Revelation was chosen for our study. The further Pastor Jim went in the process of choosing a book, the more clearly God revealed His involvement within it. Share a story with the group where you likewise saw God's involvement more clearly once you got further along in the process. What was the "aha" moment that made you realize God was definitely involved?
3. The Triune God, one God who eternally exists in three distinct persons, is the author of Revelation and the Bible. In reference to verses four and five, Pastor Jim used an example of a designer (God), builder (Jesus) and realtor (Holy Spirit) to describe the work of the Trinity in creation. Does this example help you better understand the Trinity and the role of each person in it? How would you go about sharing authorship of the Bible with others who may have questions about it?
4. Nothing that is occurring in life today is happening by chance. God is not only the author of the future as we'll see in Revelation, He's also the author of the present. How does it make you feel to know that God is authoring our present and future, especially in light of what's currently going on in your life and in society? Is it easy for you to see God's hand in all that's going on? Or is this hard to see what hasn't been revealed to you yet? Whether you can notice His hand or not, how might God be at work authoring what is happening?
5. As God is the author of all things, it also means that he's in control of all things. Thank God in prayer that we don't have to carry the weight and worries of this world and that we can trust in him. Pray for one another that trust and dependency on the author of all things would continue to grow, especially in moments of difficulty. Also pray for strength and courage to share Jesus with those who may be encountering difficulties and in need of knowing that God is in control.