

**Good News**  
**Revelation 1:5b-8**  
**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
**September 6, 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. Today's sermon contrasted bad news that we see too often in this life, and good news that's found in Jesus. Which has consumed your heart more over the last several months, the bad news of this world or the good news of the gospel? If it's bad news, why is it easier for you to focus on that over the good news of Jesus?
2. The first piece of good news that we received this morning was the reminder that Jesus loves us. And while we reflect on an act of the past that shows the greatest demonstration of that love, Jesus loves us now and nothing will change that. Often times we seek love from unhealthy places such as money, country, and people. Share an example with the group of a time where you sought love from an unhealthy source that only Jesus could fill. What is it about the love of Jesus that makes it different and better than any other love you could receive?
3. As a group, read Romans 6. For those who have put their faith in Jesus, he has freed us from enslavement to sin and death. Is it hard to believe that Jesus has freed us from sin when we continue to see sin around us and even in our lives? When you see sin, do you see and identify it as that? Or is the act of sin minimized so it doesn't seem as bad? If sin is minimized and it isn't as serious and deadly, what does that say about the sacrifice of Jesus that frees us from it?
4. Pastor Jim also spoke about the good news of doing significant and important work in the kingdom of God. What specific areas of your life should be viewed as important work for the kingdom of God that at first you didn't consider to be so?
5. When Jesus returns, verse seven states that everyone on earth will mourn because of him. And we have the choice to either mourn now in repentance and experience the joy of Jesus' love, his forgiveness and his purpose for your life, or we can choose not to repent and mourn when he returns with an everlasting sadness that will never go away.

Spend the first portion of prayer in silent reflection on the redeeming work of Jesus. Spend time repenting for the over consumption of bad news and behavior over reflecting and living a life rooted in the good news of Jesus. Also pray for wisdom and courage that God's church would participate with him in the important work of the kingdom.