

Good News
Revelation 1:9-20
Sermon Discussion Questions
September 13, 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. In Pastor Jim's introduction, he had us imagine what life would have been like for John while on the island of Patmos. John had been faithful and served the Lord through thick and thin and we can imagine that John asked the question, where is God. In light of what's going on in your life recently as well as our world, have you found yourself asking this same question? Has praying and fasting this past week allowed you to see or hear God more clearly?
2. As a group, read Exodus 25:31-40. As you read in Exodus 25 as well as in Revelation 1, what is it about a lampstand that serves as a symbol of the church? Have you ever thought or viewed the lampstand as a symbol of God's witness and the church now?
3. Pastor Jim walked us through the vision of John and the imagery used to describe Jesus. Which description about Jesus from John and its meaning stood out to you? Are there passages from the Old and New Testament that stand out to you as prophesy of the imagery presented in Revelation 1? (For example: Son of Man – Daniel 7:13, Two-edged sword – Hebrews 4:12-13, Hair as white as wool, as white as snow – Isaiah 1:18)
4. In John's vision, the first thing that he notices are the lampstands and not Jesus. This is in part because the Church is how the world experiences Jesus. Pastor Jim also talked about the seven stars and how these represents problems that keep the church from shining its light and showing Jesus. In what ways has the church (universally, not just Calvary) been successful and unsuccessful in shining the light of Christ in our world? In what ways has Calvary Church been successful and unsuccessful in shining the light of Christ in our local context?
5. In response to the previous question, what could Calvary Church do to better shine the light of Christ through the darkness present in our city?

Close in prayer for open minds and hearts for the next seven weeks as we hear what problems may be present within His church. Also pray for wisdom on how the light of Christ can shine brighter through Calvary Church in our society.