

REVELATION

breaking the code



Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 5

This In this fifth message on the book of Revelation we continued answering the question have been asking. Are we living in the End Times? Will Jesus return soon? The answer is yes! Jesus is coming back, but that is nothing to be scared about. Instead, we need to understand the time we're living in so we know how to live out this life.

Pastor Curt walked us through six unique events that cover a large part of the book of Revelation:

- 1) The Church Age in chapters 1-3
- 2) The Rapture of the Church in chapter 4
- 3) The Tribulation in chapters 5-19:5
- 4) The Second Coming of Christ in chapter 19:6
- 5) The Great White Throne Judgment in chapter 20
- 6) The New Heaven and New Earth in chapters 21-22

Within the Tribulation we look at the three judgments described in chapters 6-16 including the antichrist and the four horsemen. The focus of this message is on Jesus, the Lamb of God, who continues to reach out to an increasing hostile and unrepentant world with mercy, forgiveness, and grace. That is why this book is called The Revelation of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- What new things did you learn about Jesus from this message? How has what you've learned in this series affected your relationship with Christ?
- What don't you understand about the rapture? What do you understand about the rapture? Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 Discuss: "caught up" in Greek is "harpazo" = (har-pad'-zo) – "Snatch away."; in Latin it is "Rapio" where we get "rapture"
- Which descriptions of the end times in Revelation do you find to be the most interesting?
- How do you feel when you read about God's wrath and judgment in Revelation?
- How can the second coming of Christ be a source of hope for you instead of a source of fear?

Prayer Focus

If we are going to reach our generation, we are going to have to give what we have been given. Pray this week using John 13:34 - "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

Next Steps

This week, think about this truth...People are the only thing we come in contact with that is eternal. Be intentional about developing relationships that will help you stay focused on what really matters!

Leader Tip

Take time this week to speak to each member of your group and learn where they are in their spiritual journey. Gather their prayer request and pray for them daily.