

Coffee and Contemplation, Sunday, November 14th, 2021

Revelation chapter 1

- In the light of what you read, why should we concern ourselves with reading and studying this book?
- What do you hope to gain from this study?
- After reading Revelation 1:1-8 – Answer the following questions:
 - Who is revealed?
 - To whom is it addressed?
 - And for what purpose is it revealed?
- After reading Revelation 1:17-18 – What parallels do you see between John’s experience here and his experience described on the Mount of Transfiguration (See Matthew 17:1-7)?
- How is this revelation of Jesus different from what John had been used to in Jesus’ earthly ministry? How does Jesus help him to accept this change? (See verses 17-18) How is this change hard for you to receive?
- What three subjects is John told to write about? (See Revelation 1:19)

Big Picture Ideas

- What images come to your mind when you think about the end times and the close of human history? Some people wonder, “Will I suffer?” or “Do I have the courage to face the unknown suffering and the possibility of dying a martyr’s death?”
- What Gospel images help you deal with anxiety when life feels out of control? One image that comes to mind is Peter when he walked on the troubled sea. (Matthew 14:22-33). What forces blowing against our world make you afraid?
- How does the following statement challenge you: “When the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8). How does thinking about the end times challenge your faith?