

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE STORYLINE | LETTERS TO CHURCHES
JANUARY 13/14 | REVELATION 2-3

FOR STARTERS

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or raised questions?
2. Revelation was written to churches who were suffering for being Christ followers and tempted to compromise. Where have you seen (personally or in others) Christians tempted to give up or to give in?

DIGGING IN

1. Read the letters that Jesus sent to the angels of seven churches in Revelation 1 & 2. Each letter presents a similar format but has different outcomes. Split up the passages and take turns reading each letter. After each letter, ask the following questions:
 - a. What is the state of the church in the letter? Healthy or unhealthy?
 - b. What does Jesus condemn or commend them for?
 - c. What's promised to them?
 - d. Keep track of common threads that develop.
2. What is the bigger picture of these seven letters that make up Chapters 2 & 3? Why is it important that they were included in the Bible? Remember, they weren't written *to us* but *for us*.
3. What kind of letter would Jesus write to the church in America today? Use examples from the chapters. What can we do about the problems we see? How can we avoid those pitfalls?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Which of the seven churches reminds you most of where you're at in your journey and why?
2. Read Revelation 5:9. How does this verse give you hope? How does it motivate you?
3. Where do you need to think differently about living for God in this world? What needs to change? Who in your life can help you?
4. Pray for one another's needs and pray for our church. Pray that we would be faithful in fulfilling Christ's mission.

STORYLINE RESOURCE PAGE

doorcreekchurch.org/storylineresources & thebibleproject.com/explore/revelation

MESSAGE NOTES

Belonging to a small group is a great way to grow spiritually. If you would like to join a group or get more information, contact Deanna Wheeler at dwheeler@doorcreekchurch.org