Sermon Questions Revelation 1:1-8

This week we began our study on the book of Revelation by asking the question *Why Teach Revelation?* With so many people in the body of Christ who have become jaded, confused, frustrated and divisive over the content of the book, why should it be studied? To answer this question, we read and unpacked the first 8 verses of this great book and discovered 5 reasons why this book was worth studying.

Here are some notes to review from this week's sermon...

Why Teach Revelation? Revelation 1:1-8

It's **Scripture**, and it reveals a greater <u>understanding</u> of Jesus Christ (1a)

It creates an <u>urgency</u> and a <u>sobering</u> choice to live completely for Christ (1b-2)

Blessing is promised to the reader, hearer and doer (3)

The Gospel is <u>paramount</u> and <u>central</u> throughout the book (4-6)

Jesus Christ's coming is certain and all His attributes will be on full display (7-8)

Hearing the Word of God and responding to Him is extremely important. If you haven't had the chance to listen to the message from this week you can now watch it here. After watching, please use the following questions (if you find them helpful) in your BRAVE groups (now online every weekday) or discuss them with your family and/or friends. If you are not in a BRAVE Group now is a great time to get involved. Please email to info@bravechurch.co and we will get you connected with a community that will work for you.

- 1. What is the significance of the book of Revelation being Scripture? How accurate is the book? How many errors are in the book? Who is speaking in the book? To whom is He speaking?
- 2. How many "revelations" are there in the book? Who is the book revealing? If the book is written to unveil more about Jesus Christ how should we approach this book? What or who is central to this book?
- 3. Will you agree with everyone on every detail in this book? Knowing that we will all be using Scripture to understand the meaning of this book and yet still think different on some issues, how should that impact our relationships? Why is unity in the Body of Christ so important when studying this book?

- 4. Do you have a Bible? Will you read this book during this series? How important is it to be humble and teachable when studying Scripture? What can we learn from the "experts" Pharisees in Jesus' day? If the "experts" missed Jesus the first time, what should that tell us about our posture of humility I the expectation of His second coming?
- 5. What does it mean that Revelation will comfort the troubled and trouble the comfortable? How will God comfort the troubled? How will God trouble the comfortable? Why are both of these aspects of His love?
- 6. How is testifying more than simply saying something with your mouth? Why is a lifestyle committed to the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ so important? What are pastors called to do? What are servants (slaves) of Jesus Christ challenged to do?
- 7. How important is your choice of following Jesus Christ? Why is it important that you (we) examine ourselves to make sure we are truly following Christ?
- 8. How is the Trinity revealed in the first 8 verses of the book of Revelation? What are some of the titles given to Jesus Christ? How is He the faithful witness? The firstborn from the dead? The ruler of the kings of the earth? The one who loves us and frees us from our sin? The alpha and omega?
- 9. How important is the shedding of Jesus Christ's blood? What would have happened if Christ had not died? Do you believe this?
- 10. How certain is the return of Jesus Christ? Who will see Him when He returns? How visible will His return be? What will non-believers do when they see Him?
- 11. How will Jesus Christ's second coming differ from His first coming? What attributes will be on display at His second coming that were veiled at His first coming? What picture to you get when you think of Christ saying, "I started this and I'm gonna finish it!"