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Week 1 – Introducing Jesus

Introduction:

Revelation 1:1-4

The Three-Fold Ministry of Jesus (Revelation 1:5)

1. He is the _____ witness
2. He is the _____ from the dead
3. He is the _____ of the kings of the earth

Revelation 1:5b-8

The Big Idea:

Revelation is the unveiling of the person and plan of Jesus Christ. Jesus tells us to “occupy” until He comes (Luke 19), to be alert but not fearful.

1 Timothy 4:1-2

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. As we launch into our multi-month journey through the Book of Revelation, what are your general expectations? What do you hope to experience through this study and what questions are you hoping will be clarified?

Ponderings:

2. John the Apostle received the Revelation while living in exile on the Mediterranean Island of Patmos, persecuted for his faith. He records the vision as an encouragement to other persecuted believers.
 - Why is it important to keep the original audience in mind when we're studying the various books of the Bible?
 - Why do you think so many churches and individual believers avoid teaching or studying the Book of Revelation?
 - What is your opinion about the times in which we now live? Do you believe we are in the "last days?" What informs your opinion about this?
3. Jesus is revealed to be our Prophet, Priest and King, as Revelation 1:5 expresses. In what way(s) does Jesus play these roles in our lives and why do we need Him in these ways? Discuss...
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:1-2 as a group...
 - In what ways does this verse describe the times we are living through? Are we the first generation to experience times like these? If not, what gives us the right to assume that Christ might be returning in our generation? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. What if you truly lived every single day with a joyful anticipation that Christ could return at any moment?
6. Who will you invite to join you this coming weekend for our continuation of the Book of Revelation?