

Discipleship

Getting Lost and Found in the Bible

Gathering:

- Open with prayer, inviting God's presence into your study and discussion.
- Take a few minutes to discuss what you have heard or studied about the book of Revelation, and about the "eschaton" in general (eschaton means last things or ending):
 - What questions do you have?
 - How is Revelation portrayed in media?
 - What do you know about apocalyptic literature in the Bible?
- If you have time/access, watch the playlist linked here on Apocalyptic literature, Revelation, and the most common questions about the eschaton (https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWw11PVzr_lbObMCXJneISQMbnf_IGEfH) –the full playlist is about 40 minutes long, but well worth the time to watch.
- Read aloud Revelation 1:1-20, Revelation 22:6-21

Discussion:

- What caught your attention in these passages? Why?
- Did any questions come up for you?
 - What kind of emotions do these passages evoke for you?
- According to these passages, what is the purpose of the Revelation?
 - How does that purpose impact our worship?
 - How does that purpose impact our outlook on life?
 - In light of the Revelation, where should we focus our attention? (Hint: Revelation 22:8-9 gives a clue)
- How are we changed by the Revelation of Jesus Christ?
 - How is that change seen by others?

Closing:

- If studying with a group, take time to share prayer requests and lift one another up.
- If studying on your own, take time to pray through the church prayer concern list
- As you close in prayer, consider again Revelation 22:20-21. Perhaps let that be your closing prayer, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."