

Small Group Questions

May 21, 2023

The Seven: "Finding the Strength to Carry On"

This seven week series will take us through Jesus' address to seven churches in chapters 2-3 of Revelation. Each week, the outline of the address follows a consistent pattern of: what's going well, what needs to improve, and how to make the improvement. There is so much relevance from that day to this day and what it means to live in the real world and follow Jesus with a whole heart.

Thanks for all you do and know that if you have any questions or needs in your group, we (the staff) are here to help in any way.

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. What's the story behind a time you were "locked out?"
2. What is the nickname you had as a child? What's the story behind getting that nickname?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Revelation 3:7-13.

1. What are the attributes of God in :7? Why do you think those attributes would matter to people in a difficult setting?
2. What does the "key of David" open (:7-8 and Isa. 22:20-24)? What claims does this make about the power of Jesus?
3. What do you make of the adversaries of the followers of Jesus in Philadelphia (:9)? What kind of warning should that dynamic there and then shape for us here and now?
4. What promises are made to those who overcome in :13? Which of those would you like to know more about? Why?
5. Do you think the ability to "endure patiently" (:10) is innate in some people or is it something that anyone can develop? Why do you think so?
6. Jesus says "I am coming soon" in :11. That can also be translated "I am coming quickly." How can followers of Jesus live in way that is ready for Jesus' return?
7. Who are some of the "pillars" of faith who have inspired your faith to continue? How does one become an encouragement to others along the journey of faith?
8. What is one way to apply this passage to your life this coming week?