

Discussion questions for Revelation 1:1-8

1. Have you ever felt marginalized, sidelined, or openly opposed by the prevailing culture around you? In what ways? How have you responded?
2. In what way would the reading and heeding of the book of Revelation provide a blessing to us?
3. Consider some of the following passages and list the ways the Bible is a blessing to us: Psalm 1:1-6; Psalm 119:9, 11, 28, 41, 66, 92, 98-100, 105, 114, 130; Luke 11:28; John 8:31-32; 1 Corinthians 14:3.
4. Think about your summer plan for reading, listening, and viewing. Does God's word have the pre-eminent place? Any changes needed?
5. What titles and ascriptions are used for God in this passage? For the Lord Jesus? For the Holy Spirit? What do these names mean, and how should this affect us?
6. Read the following verses in their context: Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12. What does God mean when he says, "I am the first, and I am the last"?
7. People in our culture generally live for the moment, for today. How has that philosophy affected you? How does the truth that God is the one "who is and who was and who is to come" change your viewpoint?
8. In light of the discussion above, what do you think is the most vital way we can influence our world and culture?