

Discussion questions for Revelation 1:9-20

1. v. 9 What do you notice about how John chooses to identify himself? Why might he have highlighted these elements? What might that say for true Christians today?
2. v. 12-16 What stands out to you of Jesus' appearance? How does this appearance manifest qualities of who He really is? (See too Daniel 10:4-12) How does this match/contrast with some of the ways you "see" Christ?
3. v. 16 Why might Jesus have a sharp two edged sword coming out of His mouth (Heb 4:12)? How ought we respond to the two edged sword? What this week has kept you from a humble, obedient response to this "pointed" Word?
4. v. 17 John fell to the ground like a dead man. How does your relationship with Christ/God reflect this reasonable response? What stimulates reverence in your relationship with Him?
5. v. 17 "Do not fear"... is the most common command in Scriptures. What causes you fear/anxiety these days? What helps you to maintain a healthy fear of Christ without being afraid of Him?
6. v. 18 Can you believe how Jesus describes Himself? Is that audacious or what? If Jesus, the Man from Galilee, really has the keys of death and Hades in His hands, what does that say about other philosophies, and about people that don't know Him? What does that say about how we ought to relate to those who differ in opinion to what Jesus declares here?
7. v. 19 What three things is John told to record in this book of the Revelation of Jesus? How might this serve as an outline for the book?
8. v. 20...As Jesus has the seven stars in his hand and stands among the seven lampstands, what does this tell us about His relationship with the churches? What do lampstands and stars share in common? What else might be inferred here? How can we grow in Christ with this in mind?