



Guide

9/10 - Revelation 1:1-8

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. Before we begin, let's gather some context. What genre of literature is this? Who is the author? Who is the intended audience? What is the purpose?
3. Our culture has a fascination with the apocalyptic events. What does apocalypse mean?
4. This book is titled Revelation. What is it a revelation of?
5. This passage contains the first of seven blessings in the book of Revelation. What is it and what are the three key components?
6. Verses 4-7 present some mysterious ideas (seven spirits, firstborn from the dead). What do these things mean?
7. This may seem elementary, but how exactly did Jesus free us from our sins through his blood (v.5)?
8. What attributes of God are present in this text?
9. Now that we have begun this journey in Revelation, what have you learned so far and is there anything that has caused a shift in your understanding?
8. If you could summarize this passage in one word, how would you describe it? Why that word?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

HOMEWORK: Meditate on our weekly "Fighter Verse" - Matthew 5:7-10. How did last week's verse affect you? Did it cause you to pause or change anything as you progressed through the week?