

Revelation: Lesson 1

Introduction

1. Name / Time at Valley Ch
2. Share one blessing or experience you had in the past few weeks or months.

Goals

- Familiarity with the book
 - o Observe the main structure of the book
 - o Identify the different sections
 - o Understand some key concepts and themes
- Relate to the message and find its relevance in our daily living and obedience to the Lord

Study method

- Read, share, lecture, ask questions and discuss
- Homework (1 hour/week)
 - o Reading and some questions (meditative, open ended)

Sharing (10-15 minutes)

- Share one blessing (experience of God's Grace) you have had – recent or long past.
 - o Psalm 103:1-5, Ps. 105:1-3
- Share a prayer request which you will like others to pray for you in the next few weeks.
 - o John 16:24, Matt. 7:7-11
- Circulate schedule

Background

- Historic situation
 - o Persecution
 - By Jews (Heretics) → Poverty
 - By Romans (Anti-Government) → Physical torture / death
 - 10 periods of intense persecution

Structure of Revelation

Homework 1

1. Reading assignment:

Read (quickly) through all 22 chapters of the book to get a feel for the content of the book. (Do not spend too much time trying to understand the details of a particular portion of text; just read through quickly to get an overview.)

→ Identify in your bible text, each of the sections in the “Structure of Revelation” handout

2. Write down some thoughts that come to you as you read through the book.

3. Write a 2 or 3 sentence summary of what the book of Revelation is about.