

Small Group Study Guide: "He Is Coming with the Clouds" - Revelation 1:4-8

Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer

Icebreaker:

Ask the group:

- Have you ever waited for someone important to arrive (family member returning from a trip, special guest, etc.)? What was that waiting like?
- How did you prepare for their arrival? How did you feel when they finally came?

(Transition: Today, we're going to talk about someone far greater than any earthly figure—Jesus—who is coming again with the clouds.)

Scripture Focus: Revelation 1:4-8

Open the Discussion: What was significant to you from this sermon?

Discussion Questions:

1. Getting a Bigger Picture of Jesus:

- How does John describe Jesus in verses 5-6?
- What do these descriptions (faithful witness, firstborn of the dead, ruler of kings) tell us about Jesus' character and authority?
- How do these truths affect the way you view Jesus in your day-to-day life?

2. Jesus' Love and Freedom:

- Verse 5 says Jesus "loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood." How does understanding His love and sacrifice affect your relationship with Him?
- In what ways do you still struggle to live in the freedom Jesus provides?

3. Living as Part of His Kingdom:

- Verse 6 says Jesus "made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father." What does it mean to you to be part of His kingdom?
- How can you live out your role as a "priest" in your home, workplace, and community?

4. Anticipating His Return:

- Verse 7 declares, "He is coming with the clouds." How does the promise of Jesus' return influence your priorities?
- What feelings or thoughts arise when you consider that "every eye will see Him"?

- If Jesus returned today, how ready would you be to meet Him face to face?

Suggested Application:

1. Personal Reflection:

- Spend time this week reading Revelation 1:4-8 each morning. Pray, “Lord, help me to see Jesus more clearly today.”

2. Acts of Witness:

- Jesus is the faithful witness. How can you bear witness to His love and truth this week? Identify one person you can share your faith with or encourage.

3. Living in Freedom:

- Reflect on any areas where sin or guilt holds you back. Claim the freedom Jesus has provided and, if needed, talk with a trusted brother in Christ for accountability.

4. Longing for His Return:

- Take a few moments each day to pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” and ask God to keep you watchful and ready for His return.

Closing Prayer:

Invite someone to close in prayer, asking for hearts that long to see Jesus, lives that reflect His kingdom, and courage to live as faithful witnesses until He comes again.

Optional Worship Song Suggestion:

“Oh the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” – Spend a few minutes listening to this song and reflecting on His boundless love.