## Small Group Study Guide: "JESUS WINS" - Revelation 1:1-3

### **Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer**

### Icebreaker:

Ask the group:

- Are you someone who likes to know what's coming next, or do you prefer to be surprised?
- Share about a time when you were either glad you knew what was coming or wished you had been better prepared.

(Transition: Revelation gives us a glimpse of what's to come. Whether you find that exciting, confusing, or intimidating, one thing is clear—Jesus wins!)

### **Scripture Focus:**

Read **Revelation 1:1-3** together as a group.

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

#### **Discussion Questions:**

### 1. Understanding Revelation:

- How would you describe the purpose of the book of Revelation based on verses 1-3?
- Why is it significant that this is called "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"?
- How does understanding that the book is meant to "reveal" (unveil) Jesus change the way you approach it?

## 2. Living with Expectancy:

- Verse 1 mentions "things that must soon take place." How do you personally wrestle with the concept of "soon" in God's timing?
- How can living with the expectancy of Jesus' return shape your daily decisions?

# 3. Responding to the Blessing:

- Revelation 1:3 promises a blessing to those who read, hear, and keep the words of this prophecy. Why do you think God promises a blessing for engaging with this book?
- What does it mean to "keep" what is written? How can we apply that practically in our lives?

# 4. Staying Focused on Jesus:

- Pastor Jimmy said that the main theme of Revelation is that Jesus wins. How does that truth encourage you when life feels chaotic or uncertain?
- How can keeping your eyes on Jesus help you navigate both personal struggles and world events?

### **Suggested Application:**

#### 1. Personal Reflection:

• Set aside time this week to read Revelation 1:1-3 aloud each morning. Pray, "Lord, help me to live ready for Your return."

## 2. Share Your Hope:

• Identify someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus. Look for an opportunity to share the hope you have in Him, especially as you discuss life's uncertainties.

### 3. Live Expectantly:

• Make a practical change this week to reflect living with expectancy—whether that's spending more time in prayer, prioritizing relationships, or serving others.

### 4. Keep Your Focus:

• Write down one worry or fear you have about the future. Pray over it, and then declare the truth: "Jesus wins!" Let that truth reshape your perspective.

## **Closing Prayer:**

Invite someone to close in prayer, thanking God for revealing Himself through His Word and asking for hearts that live expectantly, filled with hope and ready to share the good news.