

REVELATION uncovered Patterns and Promises

I. Check-In

- Check in. How was everyone's Easter? How is everyone doing?
- Reflect on last week's challenge: Read the following scripture and be prepared to talk about it next week: Revelation 21-22

II. Scripture

Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." 5 Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." 6 Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring. 7 Those who emerge victorious will inherit these things. I will be their God, and they will be my sons and daughters.

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they could go and anoint Jesus' dead body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they came to the tomb. They were saying to each other, "Who's going to roll the stone away from the entrance for us?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. (And it was a very large stone!) Going into the tomb, they saw a young man in a white robe seated on the right side; and they were startled. But he said to them, "Don't be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised. He isn't here. Look, here's the place where they laid him. Go, tell his disciples, especially Peter, that he is going ahead of you into Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you." Overcome with terror and dread, they fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

V. Prayer Requests

Spend some time sharing prayer requests with each other. As the small group leader, we ask that you do two things:

1. write them down
2. ask someone to pray

IV. Challenge

This week your challenge is to reflect on our journey through Revelation and how your understanding has changed.

III. Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you from this week's scripture?
- Pastor Fernie talks about his favorite movies and mentions that they all have a similar pattern (the underdog faces a seemingly unbeatable enemy) and a similar promise (in the end the underdog always wins). Aside from movies, where else have you seen this pattern and promise theme take place?
- The book of Revelation reminds us that no matter what you go through, evil will one day be destroyed, and heaven will be established on earth. How have you come to understand this promise better as we have journeyed through revelation?
- The three women were worried about the stone at the tomb. What stones are you struggling with today?
- How can you help each other overcome these fears?