

# **A Year in the Word**

## **A Year in the Word: Revelation: Part 1**

### **Small Group Questions: What Would Jesus Say to Seacoast**

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#### **Read**

Revelation 1 and 2

#### **Reflect**

While exiled on the island of Patmos, the Apostle John receives a revelation from Jesus. John is told to write down what will take place in the future, and send the scrolls to the seven churches: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea. John begins by describing a man with eyes of fire and a voice of rushing water (Christ) standing among seven gold lampstands (the churches). In his hand, he holds seven stars (angels of the churches).

Pastor Greg highlights three things that Jesus might say to Seacoast:

1. Don't lose your first love.
  - a. Restoring 1<sup>st</sup> love love.
    - i. Remember
      1. What might God want to remind you of right now about your relationship with him?
      2. Thinking of your closest friends and significant others, what drew you to them initially? Are those still the things that draw you to them? How have they changed? What characteristics might you need to be reminded of?
      3. What role have you played in those changes for the better or worse?
    - ii. Repent
      4. Is there something in your life that you need to admit to God and ask for forgiveness?
    - iii. Redo
      5. Have you lost some of your enthusiasm for your faith?
      6. What could you do to get it back?
      7. What would Jesus say to you?
  2. Keep serving the community.
    - a. How are you making a difference in the lives of others?
    - b. Describe an instance when you took a small step toward God and he responded by taking a giant step to meet you.
    - c. How might you serve more in the community? What programs come to mind, if any?
  3. Remember that being right is not as important as being together.
    - a. Do you always need to win arguments? Prove your point?
    - b. What is your definition of "unity"?
    - c. How willing are you to listen to others, even if you don't agree with them?
      - i. In what areas could you improve?

**Respond:** Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?