

A VISION OF JESUS — HIS VIEW OF THE CHURCH

1. John, Jesus, Grace and Peace

Revelation 1:1-4a

Discussion Questions

Chris

1. John is an excellent example of a transformed life. Before Christ's resurrection and ascension, he was characterized as a "son of thunder." After, and during great persecution, he would be distinguished as the "Apostle of love." Think about it; amid great political, social, and religious unrest, when his and the lives of his fellow believers were at risk-- he is still known as the Apostle of love. If someone were to look at your life amid the chaos of life, how would they describe you?
2. How do you see Jesus in the midst of your suffering? Do you lose sight of Him? Does He fade to the back amid the dissonance of life? Is He just a character on a page? Or does He come to the forefront of your mind and heart? In your suffering, who is Jesus to you?
3. What has God's grace done for you? What does it mean to you? How has it changed you?
4. We need a revelation of Jesus! Today, examine your life and your heart in light of who Jesus is, in the certainty of His coming, and His forever glorious kingdom.

Travis

1. What stands out to you about John, who Jesus called "son of thunder"? He goes from wanting to call down fire from heaven to kill people to faithfully loving and serving Jesus even at the cost of being hated, persecuted, and suffering.
2. How does it encourage you or challenge you how John suffered and yet remained faithful to continue to seek Jesus and proclaim Jesus?
3. John is old, suffering, and completely alone. How does it challenge you or stir you that Jesus doesn't rescue John and give him a better life of ease and comfort? Instead, Jesus shows him a glimpse into heaven that God is all-powerful sitting on the throne.
4. How does it challenge you that John penned the words Grace and Peace in the midst of his own suffering, yet his circumstances remained the same? How is God's Grace and Peace deeper, greater, and richer than having an easy, comfortable life?

5. How have you experienced Jesus' Grace and Peace in midst of your own struggles, trials, and difficulties?