**Assignment for Week #1**

Your assignment for this week is a simple one! Please read through the entire book of Revelation – if possible, do this in one sitting (or standing ☺). This should take approximately 1 hour. As you read through the book see if you can find the SEVEN BEATITUDES OF REVELATION. These are the seven times a blessing is promised.

Then, each day of the week read through chapters 1-3. This is called, “Unit Reading,” and it is extremely important for you to do. You will be amazed at how much information you will retain simply by reading the text over and over again!

Complete the following along with reading the chapters:

**On Day #1** List all the people and places recorded in chapter 1

**On Day #2** Identify as many doctrinal themes as you can in chapter 1:1-8

**On Day #3** Begin to memorize the theme passage of Revelation – Revelation 1:7-8

**On Day #4** In verse 13 of chapter one, John says he saw, “one like a son of man.” Record John’s description of this person.

**On Day #5** What three things was John told to write about in Revelation 1:19?

If you were to think of these three things as providing a simple outline of the entire book of Revelation, how could you divide the book of Revelation into three sections? (Give the Scripture references)

**Assignment for Week #2**

I want to emphasize again the reality that one of the main things we need to do if we are to understand God’s Word is read it repeatedly – *and then, read it again!* ☺ Think of how much more familiar you already are with the first three chapters of Revelation now that you have read them several times in the past week.

Part of your assignment this week, then, is to read through the entire book of Revelation again. However, this time we will break it down into smaller sections. Try to follow this format:

**Day #1** Read Revelation 1-4

**Day #2** Read Revelation 5-8

**Day #3** Read Revelation 9-12

**Day #4** Read Revelation 13-16

**Day #5** Read Revelation 17-20

**Day #6** Read Revelation 21-22

I want you to take approximately 30-40 minutes per day to do this. In other words, it’s time to ***s –l –o – w … t – h – i – n – g – s … d – o – w – n!*** *(Remember the tortoise and the hare?)*

As you read through the text, there are some things I want you to do (*take note of* ***both*** *of these before you begin. Also, you may want to use the printed text of Revelation provided at the back of your binder for these tasks*):

**#1** Start looking at how the book of Revelation is structured – what are the main divisions of the book (beside the man-made chapter and verse divisions). To think this through, look for themes or subject matters and when they change. For example, in chapter 1 the focus is primarily on John’s vision of Jesus Christ and what is said to John. In chapters 2 & 3, Jesus now speaks to the seven churches and instructs them. In chapters 4 & 5 John is caught up to heaven to see certain things. Beginning in chapter 6, the first of several “seals” are broken and certain events occur … and so forth. As you read through the book, try to identify the main divisions giving the scripture references. I’ll get you started …

Revelation 1:1-20 A Vision of Jesus Christ

Revelation 2:1-3:22 Jesus Christ’s Messages to the Seven Churches

Revelation 4:1-5:14 John’s Vision of the Throne of God

Revelation 6:1- ? *(focus on the words, “seal” or “seals”)*

Revelation ?

etc.

**#2** Using a highlighter pen (or a pen and ruler), highlight / underline **EVERY NUMBER** in the book of Revelation!!!

***Thinking it through*** *…*

**#1** Having read through Revelation 1 several times now, what would you say is the main theme of this opening chapter?

**#2** In verses 4 & 5 of chapter 1, John records a fascinating description of God! What stands out to you about John’s description of:

*The Father*

*The Holy Spirit*

and *The Son*

**#3** Think about how Jesus Christ is described in Revelation 1. How does this description of Him compare to the way He is presented in the gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John?

What impact does it have on your thinking about life’s circumstances (maybe trials or difficulties you are facing) to know that this is who your Lord and Saviour is?

**Assignment for Week #3**

Your main assignment for week #3 is the following:

I want you to focus your unit reading this week on the first **FIVE** chapters of Revelation. I would like you to read these five chapters once a day for at least five days.

As you read these chapters, I would like you to complete the following task: Create a heading for each of the main paragraph divisions of the text of Revelation 1-5. I would suggest that you take one chapter per day and create a title for each paragraph of that chapter. Then, complete reading the remaining four chapters. (Use the typed out text of Revelation at the back of your binder).

For example on …

**Day #1** Read Revelation 1-5. As you read chapter 1, create a heading above each of the main paragraphs in this chapter. Then, complete reading through chapters 2-5

**Day #2** Read Revelation 1-5. Read chapter 1. Then, as you read chapter 2, create a heading above each of the main paragraphs in this chapter. Then, complete reading through chapters 3-5

**Day #3** Read Revelation 1-5. Read chapters 1-2. Then, as you read chapter 3, create a heading above each of the main paragraphs in this chapter. Then, complete reading through chapters 3-5

**Day #4** Read Revelation 1-5. Read chapters 1-3. Then, as you read chapter 4, create a heading above each of the main paragraphs in this chapter. Then, complete reading through chapter 5

**Day #5** Read Revelation 1-5. Read chapters 1-4. Then, as you read chapter 5, create a heading above each of the main paragraphs in this chapter.

When you have completed this task you will have a real good handle on the contents of the first five chapters of Revelation. You will also have the text subdivided into small sections ready to do your observations and interpretations.

***Thinking It Through!***

Set aside some time this week to focus in and meditate on Revelation 1:5-8

In verses 5-8, John gives a remarkable, multi-faceted description of Jesus Christ – both in who He is and what He has done for us. Take some time this week to list these features of our Lord on the back of this page. Then, jot down how each description is an encouragement to you.

Assignment for Week#4

***Read Through Revelation beginning to end!***

**Assignment for Week #7**

*Supplemental questions to help you walk through Revelation chapter 1.*

**Day One: Revelation 1: 1-3 Theme: .**

1. We see in verse 1 that this book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. The word, “Revelation,” means, “an unveiling; an uncovering; a disclosure of something which was previously unknown.” What is the Revelation about? Is it a revelation *from* Jesus or *about* Jesus – or could it be both? Support your answer!

2. See if you can outline the process of the Revelation (*how it gets to us*). Look carefully at verse 1 and think it through ... fill in the blanks:

 gave it to who communicated it by His to His -

 to show His - what must soon take place. Vs. 2 says that John, “testified to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.” And God has preserved His Revelation right down to our day today! Thank Him for it!

3. According to Revelation 1:1-3, why did God give this revelation and what response does He want its hearers to make?

4. What does this opening section of the book of Revelation teach you about God and His relationship to man? How should we respond?

**Day Two: Revelation 1:4-8 Theme: .**

1. Look up the words, “grace and peace,” in your interpretation sheets and think about what they mean. Think about the people these words were first written to (review chapters 2&3 if necessary). What does this teach you about our God and His concern for His church?

2. Consider once again the description of who Jesus is and what He has done for us in verses 5-8. Read the information on the interpretation sheets and lookup the cross references on these verses. How is it personally important to you and your family that these things are true?

**Day Three: Revelation 1:9-11 Theme: .**

1. In verse 9, John describes himself as being a brother and fellow partaker (companion) with his readers in some things. Lookup each of these terms and then consider how each was already happening in the lives of John and his companions, and how each were still yet to happen in the future.

“tribulation” –

“kingdom” –

“perseverance” –

2. Identify on your map where the churches listed in verse 11 were in John’s day. Can you find them on a map or globe today?

**Day Four: Revelation 1:12-16** **Theme: .**

1. Where does John see Jesus standing (compare vss. 12-13 & 20)? What significance is there to this?

2. Describe the amazing appearance of Jesus Christ in verses 13-16. What do these images of Jesus convey about the Lord? (see interpretation sheets)

**Day Five: Revelation 1:17-20 Theme: .**

1. What effect did it have on John to see the vision of the glorious Christ? (vs. 17) Why did he respond this way?

2. In His desire to calm and comfort John, what truths about Himself does Jesus emphasize in vss. 17-18? How could these same truths provide comfort for you today?

3. Go through chapter one, one final time, and list every title or description of Jesus Christ (see if you can find more than 20!)

**Assignment for Week #8**

***The Church in Ephesus:*  *Revelation 2:1-7***

**Day One**

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. Before we consider our text in Revelation, first read through Acts 18:18-20:38 where you will learn more about Ephesus and this church to which Jesus speaks. Record any insights you gain.

2. Now read through Revelation 2:1-7, and compare what Paul says in Acts 20:29-31 with Jesus’ words in Revelation 2:2-3, 6. What do you observe?

**Day Two**

1. Today, we are going to do some work on our Observation & Interpretation Worksheets. In class we began with verses 1-4 … now, let’s consider **vs. 5** of Revelation 2. Follow these steps:

#1 Circle the significant or unusual words you would like to look up.

#2 Bracket any connecting and/ or contrasting words that link thoughts together.

#3 Take note of any lists (could be things to do or not do, etc.). Record these on the worksheet.

#4 Use the Observation Questions sheet to record any questions you have.

#5 Now use the Interpretation Worksheet (or use blueletterbible.org) to look up the meaning of the words you circled. Look up the cross references given to see what insights they offer.

Finally, considering what you have discovered verses 4&5, record in the space below any commandment(s) or principle truth(s) which you need to apply in your life.

**Day Three**

1. Your assignment for today is to take your answer from day two, record it on your “**Bible Study Application Sheet**” under “Teaching” and then prayerfully work through the remainder of this sheet!

**Day Four**

1. Included in your notes for this week, I gave you a chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the top row for the church at Ephesus.

Using only the text of Revelation 2:1-7, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verse 7).

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 2:1-7, go back through this message to the church in Ephesus and record the *positive* aspects (Commendations) Jesus said were true of these believers. Think and pray through how these things apply to you. Are these things true of you? Are you working hard in the Kingdom and persevering in faith, even under trials? Do you hate evil? Is it true that you cannot (and do not) tolerate those who teach error or lead others into sin? Have you left your first love (your priority love of Christ and His truth!)? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet).

2. Pray for Valley Heights – that we, as a church, would never leave our first love, but grow in our affection for Jesus Christ our Lord and love for His truth (above all other loves!). *Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #9**

***The Church in Smyrna:*  *Revelation 2:8-11***

**Day One** *(Verse 8)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. Life in Smyrna was difficult and dangerous for Christians at the end of the first century. Under the Roman Emperor Domitian, it became a capital offense to refuse to offer the yearly sacrifice of worship to the emperor. Not surprisingly, many Christians in this city were martyred for their faith and testimony. In light of this, examine Jesus Christ’s opening words to this persecuted church in verse 8. Using the information found on the Interpretation Worksheet for this verse answer the following: *How could this description of Jesus Christ encourage the believers in Smyrna? Why does the true follower of Jesus Christ always have hope, even in the midst of trials and persecution?*

**Day Two** *(Verse 9)*

1. According to Jesus Christ, the church at Smyrna was “**Rich**,” though they were in poverty. What made these Christians rich? (What did they have that made them ‘truly’ rich?) What riches do you possess? (Make a list!) Now read Ephesians 1:3-14. What things do you need to add to your list? Take some time to thank and praise God for His many blessings!

Use your “**Bible Study Application Sheet**” and prayerfully work through anything the Lord may be asking you to deal with regarding trust and thanksgiving regardless of life’s circumstances!

**Day Three** *(Verses 9-10)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 9-10. *(Look up the cross-references!)*

In the **“Notes:”** section of the Interpretation Worksheet there are some thoughts about God’s purposes for Christians experiencing trials and suffering. Read the passages listed and, in your own words, expand on what God’s reasons are for trials and how you believe God could use difficult circumstances in your life for your good and His glory.

In verse 10, what specific instructions did Jesus give the Christians in Smyrna? What would be the outcome of their obedience?

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 2nd row for the church at Smyrna.

Using only the text of Revelation 2:8-11, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verse 17). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 2:8-11, go back through this message to the church in Smyrna and record the difficult trials these believers faced. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you. For example, ask: What is my attitude toward facing difficult circumstances? How do I typically respond when I experience trials? How would my attitudes and responses change if I saw these things through God’s perspective, recognizing His purposes? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet). *Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #10**

***The Church in Pergamum:*  *Revelation 2:12-17***

**Day One** *(Verse 13-15)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. As we saw with the church at Smyrna, life in Pergamum was difficult and dangerous for Christians at the end of the first century. Pergamum was a centre for pagan cultic worship, including the worship of Caesar, Rome, Zeus and several other false gods from the Greek and Roman world. The great danger for this church, then, was that it would compromise in either doctrine or morality – or both! Sadly, some in the church had compromised and people were being led into sin. In verses 13-15, a stark contrast is presented between a faithful man named “Antipas” and “some” who “hold to” false teaching. In the space below (and using the interpretation worksheet) compare/ contrast these two. Then answer the questions below.

To whom are you listening and following? Whom do you admire and want to be like? Our culture is saturated with dangerous teachings and unbiblical philosophies found in books, movies television, internet, games, sports and social media. What steps do you need to take to protect your family from worldliness, and, what could you do to follow the example of Antipas? Talk it through with your family members!

**Day Two** *(Verse 12 & 16)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 12 & 16. *(Look up the cross-references!)* How is Jesus Christ described in verse 12? How is this description appropriate for the Church at Pergamum? What is being pictured in the sword, and how does Jesus intend to use it? (see Heb. 4:12-13; Rev. 2:16; 19:15; Hosea 6:5-6)

What is Christ’s remedy for doctrinal compromise and worldliness in the church? (see vs. 16) Use your “**Bible Study Application Sheet**” and prayerfully work through anything the Lord may be asking you to deal with regarding the matter of compromise from this text!

**Day Three** *(Verses 14-17)*

1. According to Jesus Christ, the entire church at Pergamum needed to repent (see vs. 16) even though only some of the people there were engaged in false teaching. Explain why the Lord would command this, and why even seemingly “small” compromises with doctrinal error or the world can be lethal in the church. (cf. James 3:13-4:12; 1 John 2:15-17)

What is the outcome for those who *hear what the Spirit says to the churches*? (see vs. 17) After studying the notes, write out this promise in your own words.

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 3rd row for the church at Pergamum.

Using only the text of Revelation 2:12-17, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verse 17). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 2:12-17, go back through this message to the church in Pergamum and carefully consider the Lord Jesus Christ’s response to this compromising church. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you. For example, ask: Are there ways in which I have compromised with the world? (Consider: relationships, entertainment choices, doctrinal error, use of my resources, life priorities, etc). How would my attitudes and choices change if I saw these things through God’s perspective, recognizing what He values? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet). *Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #11**

***The Church in Thyatira:*  *Revelation 2:18-29***

**Day One** *(Verse 18)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. The city of Thyatira was a thriving center of manufacturing and marketing. Almost everyone in town belonged to one of the many trade and craft guilds. Membership in these guilds was crucial, since social life focused on them. However, each guild was dedicated to a patron god, and meetings included a common meal in the god’s honour. The meat for these meals came from animals sacrificed to the god. In addition, drunkenness, carousing and immoral acts were common at these “parties.” How should the Christians respond? Apparently, many in the congregation at Thyatira were willing to listen to a woman teaching that it was okay to tolerate – even participate in – these worldly practices. In the space below (and using the interpretation worksheet for verse 21) consider how Jesus Christ is described and how this description is well suited for this church. Then answer the questions below.

Why does it seem difficult to honour Christ and do what is right when others around you are doing as they please? How could this description of the Lord Jesus help you stay focused on living to please the Lord, rather than other people? What steps do you need to take to protect your family from worldliness and tolerating sin? Talk it through with your family members!

**Day Two** *(Verse 19-23)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 19-23 . *(Look up the cross-references!)* Jesus speaks about the “deeds” of the believers in Thyatira and the “deeds” of a woman named Jezebel. Contrast these deeds and discuss what kind of “deeds” please the Lord. Remember, our good deeds cannot save us, but they are evidence that we have been saved. Take some time to look up the following verses and record what you learn (James 3:13; 1 Peter 2:11-12 and Matthew 5:16.

What is Christ’s remedy for tolerating sin and worldliness in the church? (see vss. 21&23) Use your “**Bible Study Application Sheet**” and prayerfully work through anything the Lord may be asking you to deal with regarding the matter of compromise from this text!

**Day Three** *(Verses 24-29)*

1. Review the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 24-29. *(Look up the cross-references!)*What does it mean to you to know that true believers will one day reign and rule with Jesus Christ? How can you prepare, even now, for that time? Consider these passages: 1 John 3:1-3; 1 Peter 1:13-2:3; Ephesians 5.

What is the outcome for those who *hear what the Spirit says to the churches*? (see vss. 26-28) After studying the notes, write out these promises in your own words.

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 4th row for the church at Thyatira.

Using only the text of Revelation 2:18-29, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verses 26-29). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 2:18-29, go back through this message to the church in Thyatira and carefully consider the Lord Jesus Christ’s response to this sin tolerating church. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you. For example, ask: Are there ways in which I have tolerated sin? (Consider: relationships, both in the home and in the church. Think about your own life – have things that dishonour the Lord found a place in your life?). Ask: how would the Son of God, with His blazing eyes and burning feet want me to deal with the sin in my life? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet).

*Pray for Valley Heights – that we would not tolerate sin, but love righteousness! Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #12**

***The Church in Sardis:*  *Revelation 3:1-6***

**Day One** *(Verse 1)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. The reputation of ancient Sardis was that it was city of great power, wealth and splendor. However, by the time of this letter, Sardis retained only a shadow of its past glory. Once considered to be an impenetrable mountain-top fortress, Sardis was overthrown several times due to a self-confident belief they could not be defeated. Its soldiers rested in the reputation that Sardis was invincible, so they became complacent and failed to take serious or even defend against the threats of attacking armies. In much the same way, the church at Sardis had become spiritually complacent in their defense against sin. They rested in a reputation that they were alive and well, when in fact the Lord Jesus said they were dead.

Discuss with your family the concept of spiritual complacency. What would be some examples of spiritual complacency in your own life and in the church?

How might treating sin and temptation to sin with carelessness bring about spiritual weakening in your own life? How might this same attitude potentially contribute to the spiritual harm of those around you – both believers and non-believers?

**Day Two** *(Verse 1 continued)*

Review the interpretation notes for verse 1.Consider how Jesus Christ is described in verse 1. How is this description well suited for this church?

Why does Jesus emphasize the Holy Spirit (“**seven Spirits**”) and the church leaders (“**seven stars**”)? Hint – how might their ministries help “breathe life” back into this church?

**Day Three** *(Verses 2-3a)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 2-3a. *(Look up the cross-references!)* What steps do you need to take to protect your family from the world’s influences and treating sin carelessly and complacently? Be specific in your answers. Talk it through with your family members!

Take some time to look up the following verses and record what you learn about how sin operates and how to avoid it (James 1:14-15; 1 John 2:15-17; Galatians 5:16-25).

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 5th row for the church at Sardis.

Using only the text of Revelation 3:1-6, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verses 4-6). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 3:1-6, go back through this message to the church in Sardis and carefully consider the Lord Jesus Christ’s response to this “dead” church. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you. For example, ask: are there ways you have been complacent in dealing with sin and temptation? Have you exposed yourself to ungodly things, while thinking: “I’m mature; I can handle it?” Ask: how would Jesus Christ want me to deal with the sin in my life? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet).

*Pray for Valley Heights – that we would never become complacent, but vigilantly guard against sin in the church and in our own lives. Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #13**

***The Church in Philadelphia:*  *Revelation 3:7-13***

**Day One** *(Verse 7)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. As it was in Smyrna, so too, life in Philadelphia was difficult and dangerous for faithful Christians at the end of the first century. They lived among people who worshiped false gods and trusted in powerless idols. The Roman Emperor Domitian made life difficult by having their vineyards destroyed thus taking away the main means of providing for their families. There also were unbelieving Jews in Philadelphia who persecuted the true believers and turned them away from the synagogue. In many ways the Christians in this city were rejected and treated as outcasts. And yet, to this little group of believers, Jesus Christ sent this message of encouragement and hope.

Examine the opening words of Jesus Christ to this faithful church in verse 7. Using the information found on the **Interpretation Worksheet** for this verse answer the following: *How could this description of Jesus Christ encourage the believers in Philadelphia? What is the ultimate hope all believers have, even while living in a world that has rejected our Lord and His people?*

Read 1 Peter 1:1-9 and list the promises God has made to those who love Him. Discuss each promise with your family and how these can strengthen our hearts and give us hope in this life.

**Day Two** *(Verses 7- 8)*

In verses 7-8, Jesus describes Himself as the holy One, as He who is true, and as the one who has the key of David (the key to the Kingdom!) Review the interpretation notes for verses 7-8. In what ways do believers share these attributes? What are some practical ways you can be holy, stand for the truth and help others see their need of the One who has authority over the Kingdom of Heaven?

**Day Three** *(Verses 9-11)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 9-11. *(Look up the cross-references!)* In John 16:33 Jesus said that believers will have tribulation in this world, yet they are to take courage because He has overcome the world. Now, to the church in Philadelphia, Jesus speaks of a ‘glorious turn around’ which will occur one day when His faithful followers will be blessed and the world will face tribulation. Discuss the following two aspects of this ‘glorious turn around’ and the reason why we can have hope for now and for the future:

#1 What ***present hope*** could the Philadelphian believers have? (see vs. 9)

#2 What ***future hope*** could the Philadelphian believers have? (see vs. 10)

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 6th row for the church at Philadelphia.

Using only the text of Revelation 3:7-13, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verses 12-13). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 3:11-13, carefully consider the Lord Jesus Christ’s promises and counsel to this faithful church. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you. In light of the message to this church, ask: am I faithful to the Lord Jesus? Do I share His attributes of holiness and truth? How would Jesus Christ want me to respond to the promises He has made to all who overcome? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet).

*Pray for Valley Heights – that we would be faithful servants of Christ the King, living holy and hopeful lives to His glory. Blessings!*

**Assignment for Week #14**

***The Church in Laodicea:*  *Revelation 3:14-22***

**Day One** *(Verse 14-16)*

***Remember:*** *Begin your time each day with prayer asking God to prepare your heart to receive His truth and to use this time of study to make you more like Jesus Christ His Son.*

1. Examine the opening words of Jesus Christ to this lukewarm church in verse 14. Using the information found on the **Interpretation Worksheet** for this verse answer the following:

How is this description of Jesus Christ well-suited for the church at Laodicea?

List these three descriptions and indicate why each is significant:

Describe the main concern Jesus has with the church in Laodicea.

**Day Two** *(Verses 17-18)*

The people in the Laodicean church were spiritually deluded. They thought they were spiritually healthy but they were greatly deceived. Consider the information for verses 17-18 on the interpretation sheets and describe the view they had of themselves. Then, contrast their view of themselves with the Lord’s view of them.

The church at Laodicea said, “**I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing**” (3:17). What does this reveal about their attitude toward God?

Use your “**Bible Study Application Sheet**” and prayerfully work through anything the Lord may be asking you to deal with regarding the matters of self-sufficiency and self-righteousness from this text!

**Day Three** *(Verses 15-16; 19-21)*

1. Begin today by reviewing the information on your Interpretation Worksheet for verses 9-11. *(Look up the cross-references!)*  Why is self-deception about one’s spiritual condition such a serious matter? Summarize the Lord’s counsel to these people. What would the outcome be for these people if they did not listen to the Lord and take His advice?

**Day Four**

1. Find your chart of ***The Seven Churches of Revelation, Chapters 2&3.*** Today, your task is to fill in the 7th and final row for the church at Laodicea.

Using only the text of Revelation 3:14-22, fill in the chart (using bullet point remarks) - this will give you a good summary of Christ’s message to this church. For example: under CHRIST, record how Jesus is described in these verses; under COMMENDATION, record the positive things He says about this church; under CONCERN, state the Lord’s concern (what they have done or are doing wrong); under COMMAND OR CONSEQUENCE, record Jesus’ instruction to the church and what will happen if they fail to obey; and under COUNSEL & COMFORT, note how the Lord concludes His message to the church (see verses 21-22). Discuss your findings!

**Day Five**

1. Using information from your Interpretation Worksheet for Revelation 3:14-22, carefully consider the Lord Jesus Christ’s concerns for the lukewarm church. Think and pray through how these things might apply to you and to us at Valley Heights. In light of the message to this church, ask: am zealous about the things that please the Lord? Do I share His love of the church and of holiness? How would Jesus Christ want me to respond to the promises He has made to all who overcome? Pray about these things and make some specific plans to grow and change (record these on the Application Worksheet).

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**Assignment for Week#15**

***Read Through Revelation beginning to end!***

***Read Through Revelation 4-5!***

**Assignment for Week #16**

***Revelation 4 & 5***

In Revelation chapters 4 & 5, we discover 5 expressions or “songs” of worship and praise being offered up. This week, I want you to examine each of these songs and answer the following questions:

Who sings/ says the “song”?

How are the worshipers described?

To whom is it offered?

What prompts the singing/ speaking of this song?

What is the content of the song? *(Review your interpretation sheets)*

How does this song inform your own worship? How could it change your worship?

**Day One:** Song #1

**Day Two**: Song #2

**Day Three:** Song #3

**Day Four:** Song #4

**Day Five:** Song #5

**Assignment for Week #17**

***The First Six Seals:
“The Beginning of Birth Pangs”***

Revelation 6:1-17

Study Questions:

(Remember to use your interpretation sheets)

1. Make a list of the six seal judgments found in chapter 6 noting specifically what occurs in each.

2. What similarities do you observe in the first four seals (6:1-8)?

3. How are the fifth and sixth seals distinct (6:9-11, 12-17)?

4. Who gives these horses and riders their authority? What biblical principle does this teach?

5. What does John see in 6:9? Why are these souls *“underneath”* the altar? Why were they slain? What question do these martyrs ask (6:10)? What is at the heart of their question? What happens to those who are martyred (cf. Rev 3:5; 7:9, 14)?

6. What six cosmic catastrophes do you note in 6:12-17?

7. What disturbs you about the people’s response in vss. 15-17? What does this teach you about the heart of man? What does this teach you about the sovereignty of God in salvation?