

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, October 6, 2019



An Infusion for Your Faltering Faith

Revelation 1:9-20

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Get to Know You

Is the title of the book of the Bible Revelations or Revelation?
When was the last piece of mail you received that you were happy about receiving?

Study the Book

Read Revelation 1:9-20

Sooner or later you're going to spend some time in a place where faith is hard.

What was the hardship that John was facing at this time?

What were some times in your life in which faith was hard? Are you going through one of those times now? (Take some time to pray for individuals as they share.)

Worship can bring you a fresh reminder of God's sovereign control.

What does Pastor Tom mean when he says, "Every Sunday is Easter Sunday?"

How might your Sunday change if you have this mindset? How might your week change?

Do you view the week as preparation for Sunday or do you see Sunday as a springboard for your week? Does it have to be either/or?

What were the three things to note about Christ in John's vision mentioned in Pastor Tom's sermon?

What symbols were used to describe Jesus as judge?

What symbols were used to describe Jesus as priest?

Compare John's description of the "Son of Man" in Revelation 1:13-16 with Daniel's description of the "Ancient of Days" in Daniel 7:9.

In poetry and symbolic imagery John tried to show us how Jesus was both the Son of Man whom Daniel saw approaching the Ancient of Days and yet somehow he was also the Ancient of Days that the Son of Man approached. Jesus is our God.

How does Daniel describe the Son of Man in Daniel 7:13-14?

John saw Jesus as King with eyes and feet aflame. He saw Jesus as Sacrifice, who performed the priestly duty of bringing his own

sacrifice before the throne. And he saw Jesus as divine, with all power and authority.

How did John respond upon seeing Jesus in verse 17?

What was Jesus' response?

How can Jesus' response to John be comforting to us today?

Group Application Discussion

Whenever you have to spend time on your Patmos Island (whenever faith is hard), remember that worship can restore in you a fresh vision of your glorious, saving, active Lord.

How have you found this to be true in your own life?

What are some ways we can persevere in worshipping God when faith is hard?

Live the Book (Personal Reflection and Application)

How can you grow in the spiritual discipline of worship this week?