

Sermon Discussion Questions
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Have members of your small group read the passage above aloud before beginning the discussion.

Icebreaker: In just six weeks, we will start a new season and begin the fourth quarter of 2026! How do you feel when you think about that?

1. What do you learn about the character and nature of God from this passage or sermon?
2. John describes himself as a “brother and partner” in tribulation, the kingdom, and patient endurance. What does this tell us about the reality of following Jesus, and why do you think John mentions his hardships? (Revelation 1:9)
3. John uses nine vivid images to describe Jesus in verses 12–16. What are they? Which description of Jesus stands out to you most, and what does it communicate about who He is?
4. Jesus is not an “absentee landlord” but is “in the midst” of us in our trials and persecution. How does knowing that Jesus is present with you change the way you view seasons when God seems distant, silent, or uninvolved? (Revelation 1:12–13)
5. We learned that the Latin term for a priest, *pontifex*, means “bridge-builder.” Jesus bridges the infinite chasm between sinful humanity and God. How does this deepen your understanding of what Christ accomplished for us, and how does that change your response to Him?
6. Revelation 1:16 says that Jesus holds the seven stars in His right hand, symbolizing His power and His ability to keep and protect. What areas of life are we tempted to believe that other people, circumstances, finances, children, politics, or our own abilities are in control? What would it look like to surrender all of our cares and concerns fully into Jesus’ omnipotent hands?
7. John, the disciple who knew Jesus intimately, falls at His feet “as though dead,” yet Jesus responds, “Fear not.” What is one area of your life where you need to humble yourself, fall down, and look to Jesus?

For Further Application & Next Steps:

To Memorize: Memorize this verse this week: “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.” — Revelation 1:17–18

To Put into Practice: A posture of humility. Get on your knees and “fall down” before the Lord in humility. Spend some time in prayer; confess and repent as needed.

To Serve: Look for one person who is walking through fear, suffering, grief, or uncertainty this week. Be present with them, listen, pray with them, and remind them that Jesus is not distant—He is in the midst of His people.

Be Blessed: Read Revelation 1 aloud and listen to God’s Word every day this week!