

Sermon Discussion Questions for Small Groups and Families:

Revelation 1:1-20 ~ "The First and the Last"

1. Pastor Bill said "reading Revelation is a lot like going for a walk in the wilderness." Do you agree? Why or why not? What experience have you had with this book? What metaphor would you use to describe your experience?
2. Why do you think human beings are so fascinated with the future? How can that be both a good thing and a bad thing? How can we avoid treating Revelation like an escapist fantasy?
3. Why is it so significant that Revelation is a letter?
4. The Christians in John's churches were discouraged, fearful and losing hope. How do you think the vision of verses 12-18 hit them? How did it hit you?
5. What difference does it make in your life—*life in the middle*—that you know how history ends—and that it ends well? How does that empower and embolden you to follow Christ?
6. What from the sermon challenged the way you approach this book? What made sense? What did you disagree with? What are you still not sure about?