

FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

We're glad to have you joining us in this series: Revelation—Encountering the Apocalypse. Why this study? Because the message conveyed in Revelation, largely through visual imagery, has the capacity to impact and shape us as steadfast followers of Jesus Christ.

Today's lesson opened by talking about honest evaluations. Have you ever found it difficult to find or provide an honest evaluation or assessment on something?

What makes Jesus' evaluation on the Church so qualitatively different from ours?

- 1.) His exalted _____ over all things.
- 2.) His _____ to His Church.

In every Church, we hear Jesus talking about "knowing" something. In the majority of Churches, Jesus talks about "deeds." In what two Churches did Jesus mention something different?

Because of what Jesus "knows" about his Church, what can we ultimately say that Jesus is concerned with? _____

1. What did you learn about the Church at Ephesus?

What did they have going for them?
Where did they go wrong and why?
What did Jesus prescribe and promise?

2. What did you learn about the Church at Philadelphia?

What did they have going for them? What stressors did they have?
What did you learn about choices during difficult times?
What promise did they receive?

3. What did you learn about the Church at Laodicea?

What did they have going for them? What was their problem?
Do you think people struggle with this today?
What prescription and promise was provided by Jesus?

4. What common statement is found at the end of all seven messages? What does this tell us?