FOR SMALL GROUPS OR PERSONAL STUDY

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

Today is all about the three ______ found in Revelation 1:9-20.

1. The _____:

What did John see first? Where have we seen this (think Daniel) in our past studies?

Jesus applied this title to himself. It was his favorite designation for himself. What did others think of him using such a designation or title for himself?

Talk about the description of Jesus in v13ff. Is this the description that normally comes to mind when you read the Gospels? What can we learn from this?

2. The _____:

Where was Jesus standing? What does this tell us about Jesus?

What phrase do we find repeated in Revelation 2-3 that speaks to Jesus' position and intimacy among the lampstands?

How should this impact us?

3. The _____:

What happened when John saw Jesus? What did Jesus do? Does this surprise you?

What promise and encouragement comes from Jesus' movement toward John?