

# **Sermon Discussion** Guide

Nov. 25 & 26, 2023 "Apocalypse Now?" Revelation 1:1-8

This year, we're reading through the Whole Holy Bible. Weekend sermons look specifically at New Testament books, while incorporating the Old Testament as well. This month we look at letters, or epistles, actually official epistles from other apostles. Join us as we read it, learn it, and live it together.

# **PRAY & CONNECT**

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to view the message on **HopeOnline.tv**. Did you have any "ah-ha" moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

#### **GROW**

### Read Revelation 1:1-8 - "Greetings & Doxology"

- When you hear the words apocalypse, Armageddon, or Revelation, what comes to mind? Does it cause you any fear? What is an apocalypse according to the Bible? Is it a good or bad thing? How is Revelation a magnifying glass?
- What three ways does the book of Revelation warn us? Why do each of them matter to us today? In what way is assimilation dangerous for Christians? How do we become complacent at times?

#### Read Revelation 3:19-20 - "To the Church in Laodicea"

• What is the opportunity presented in this book? Where is the hope? Have you ever thought of Revelation being a book of hope?

#### Read Revelation 22:3-5 - "Eden Restored"

• What happens at the end of Revelation? What does that say about our future? What will Jesus do?

# **APPLY**

This Advent season, consider the hope that Jesus brings us and promises in the book of Revelation. As you read this book, try to read it with new eyes. Write down all the things you learn that are new and different from what most people assume about it. Make a list of the things you thought you knew about it and the things that Jesus actually reveals in it.

