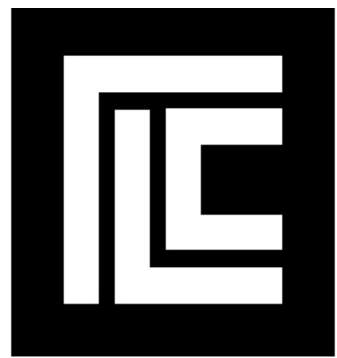


Lampstand: seven messages to the seven churches in Revelation

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Revelation 1



This morning we kicked off our new series, Lampstand. The book of Revelation begins with a message to seven churches in Asia Minor. These churches were real people in real places trying to follow Jesus amidst the challenges of apathy, persecution, affluence, and immorality. These seven messages give us insight into how we follow Jesus as a collective amidst the challenges of our day? They reverberate from the past into our present difficulties and illuminate the future that Jesus makes possible.

Getting Started

Sunday's message began with a discussion about the book of Revelation. Are there any pre-conceived notions or ideas of yours that we interacted with? Share those as a group.

Read

Revelation 1

Digging Deeper

- From the text above, Jesus is given the title “the ruler of the kings of the earth”. How does that impact your view of authority and leadership in your life?
- Are there ways you can live out your faith when faced with authorities or decisions that conflict with your beliefs?
- “Jesus himself won the victory through his suffering, and so must his people.” (N.T. Wright) Does this observation impact your view of Revelation and your view of some of your own situations you face in your life? If so, how?
- Toran closed Sunday's message with a story from high school where had to “make a choice”. The truth is we all have “chucks” that we are confronted with and opportunities to choose Jesus. Are there any choices or situations that you are facing currently where you feel like you need to “make a choice”? Share those with the group.



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