

RESURRECTION

Sunday!

March 31, 2024

|| Group Discussion Guide ||

Revelation 1:1-8

THE RESULTS OF THE RESURRECTION

1

How do the opening verses establish the purpose of the text, the people involved, and the process of its transmission?

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What does it mean to be “blessed” (v. 3)? How is blessing tied to reading, hearing, and keeping the words of this text?

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John’s greeting (v. 4-8) is bookended by describing God as the one “who is and who was and who is to come.” Why is this description used to frame this section? What is being emphasized?

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How is Jesus the “faithful witness”? Of what has he “witnessed” or testified? (cf. 1 Tim. 6:13)

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What does it mean that Jesus is “the firstborn of the dead”? What does that mean for those who believe in him?

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How is Jesus' role as "ruler of kings on earth" (v. 5) connected to the promise that he has "made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father" (v. 6)?

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How does Jesus' identity--faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, ruler of kings on earth--(v.6a) make possible our identity—loved, freed from our sins, a kingdom of priests (v. 6b)?

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We live in the time in between—between the resurrection and the day that Jesus will come "with the clouds" (v. 7). How should we live in light of these two events?

