The Unveiling

Revelation 1

"The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the things that must soon take place." Revelation 1:1

A Message from Jesus:

- Be **Ready** (1:1,3,7; Matt. 24:32-33)
- Be **Faithful** (1:2-3,9)
- Be **Confident** (1:4-6,13-18)

"Do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! ...And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say." Luke 12:4-5,11-12

Opening Questions

- 1. Have you ever watched a show that had a terrible finale?
- 2. What is the difference between the finale of the Bible and a show's season finale?

Pray: Pray for protection over everyone, and pray for guidance for the conversation.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why do you think it's important to study the details of Revelation?
- 2. Why is it important to prepare our hearts, souls, and minds for what's to come in Revelation?
- 3. What are some ways that we can become ready for what is to come?
- 4. What do you think is being referred to in Revelation 1:3?
- 5. Why do you think the message from Jesus to us was "Be Ready, Be Faithful, Be Confident?" How does this apply to Christ's Return?

- 6. Why do you think it's hard to remain faithful and confident in Jesus' return when we live in the crazy world we live in today?
- 7. How do you feel about the comment, "You are so heavenly-minded that you're no earthly good?" What does it mean? Do you agree with its premise?

Application Questions

- 1. How confident are you that your eternity is secured? How do you know? How does this affect the way you live your life?
- 2. To what degree do you possess a sense of urgency for Christ's return? Should it be higher? What would be different about your life if it was?
- 3. What are you most looking forward to when you get to Heaven?

Prayer:

Personal: Pray for an increased awareness of the worthiness of Jesus as our reigning King.

Ministry: Jerry and Mildred Petersen serving with MissioSERVE Alliance: pray for continued healing for Jerry following his knee replacement, for continued patience for Mildred as she cares for him, that they would finish well in their last few months with MissioSERVE, and for God's continued leading in new ways to minister.