

# Revelation

THINGS THAT WERE  
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## LifeGroup Leader Guide

### Big Picture Tips

**Leaders, first and foremost, your LifeGroup's first meeting this fall is a time to connect relationally.** We encourage you to not move too quickly from small talk in the kitchen to deeper conversation in the living room. Prioritize connection your first week, even if you don't get time for discussion questions.

**Second, prioritize prayer as well.** As you catch up about how each person's summer was and what each is facing this fall, take time to pray for each other. Pray as well for your time together this fall as a group.

### Discussion Question Tips

**We're taking a different approach in this series.** Many of the questions will be repeated each week to help give you a predictable approach to your discussion. As we move through the book, though, your answers to those repeated questions will change from week to week.

There will be some unique questions each week as well. As in the past, please take 10-15 minutes ahead of each meeting to review the questions and think through how you could best facilitate the discussion.

### Ground Rules for the Series (You might want to share these with your group.)

- 1. Be Aware:** Some of us are excited and others are intimidated! For some in the group, Revelation may be that part of the Bible with well-worn pages, hand-written notes, and highlights...OR, it may be that part of the Bible where the pages are still crisp, clean, and undisturbed.
- 2. Be Kind (in the Details):** Revelation has been and continues to be interpreted differently. It can also evoke strong emotions about those interpretations. We want to be respectful of perspectives that differ from our own and commit to unity as the body of Christ. Let's remember Jesus's prayer to the Father in John 17:20-23 when he prayed for our unity, "that they may be one even as we are one...so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me." If we grow more divided when we open God's Word, then something is amiss!

**3. Be Committed (to the Big Picture):** Let's commit to unity over the things we hold most dear—the non-negotiables of our faith. Our doctrinal statement spells out what we are committed to when it comes to the return of Christ:

*We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.*

Before you dive into this week's questions, take time to pray that this series would lead us, as our statement says, to a deeper motivation for "godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission."