THE TABERNACLE SERMON NOTES

SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

Christians avoid Revelation for a variety of reasons. It can be hard to understand, there's lots of disagreement about it, or it doesn't seem practical for today. The biggest reason is because Revelation makes us uncomfortable to read about the reality of spiritual warfare going on behind the "curtain" of our reality, and the persecution that precedes Christ's glorious return. God commanded John to write the book in order to bless his people. To steel hearts of faith not only for the coming storm, but in our everyday witness in the present.

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

God Speaks from Heaven

The Book of Revelation promises a blessing. Revelation is an apocalypse, a letter and The Book of Revelation is all about Jesus.

Weekly Passage
Revelation 1:1-8

Supporting Scriptures

	Psalm 90:2Luke 11:28Exodus 3:14-15
 WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Contextual Questions To whom was this book written, and why? Who is the author of Revelation and what do we know about him? How do you understand the word prophecy? 	

SMALL GROUP NOTES

GROUND RULES

What's said in a group stays in the group. Vulnerability is necessary to build relationships that allow us to confess sin. That doesn't happen without a level of confidentiality. Another's confession is not dinner conversation.

Hold yourself and others accountable. As iron sharpens iron, one man sharpens another. We allow the Holy Spirit to be the Holy Spirit, but we hold each other accountable to pursue righteousness. To do this we must first examine ourselves.

Show Me.

We wrestle with the Word. Often we see things differently. We call these small rocks, but God's Word always has the final say.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

•	react when you heard we were studying Revelation? Why?
	ssage and passage, what are your hopes and fears?
10W WIII YOU	handle questions and confusion as we continue through Revelation?
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_	ading ahead each week. Next weeks passage is Revelation 1:9-20.
	o ask and seek out answers to questions that arise throughout this book.
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