THE TABERNACLE SERMON NOTES

SCRIPTURE SUMMARY

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

John was old, exiled, and suffering for Christ, just like the churches to which he wrote. God then instructs him to write what he sees. God wasn't done with John, those churches, or with us. When John turns to look at the voice behind him, his best attempt of a description closely matches Daniel 7. John responds by falling down as though dead because this is a far different picture of Jesus than the friend he walked with. The exalted Christ is a much clearer picture of the glorified King who's explanation of the lamp stands and stars shows us that the exalted Christ has all authority and walks among his churches. By this we are called to be laborers as our lights shine individually and collectively (Lk 8:16-18), until He returns to take us home.

The Exalted Christ

No matter where you find yourself God is still working.

The exalted Christ is greater than any picture we can imagine.

The exalted Christ has all authority and walks among the churches.

Weekly Passage Revelation 1:9-20

Supporting Scriptures

	• Matt 16:18 & 28:18-20
	Philippians 2:15
WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	
Contextual Questions	
 According to verse nine, why was John on the Island of Pa 	
What does it mean that Jesus holds the keys to Death and	
What do the seven stars and seven lamp stands representWhere else does Jesus explain his own symbolism?	t? How do you know?
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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?

Application Questions

 How would you respond if you saw what John described?
 Why do you think Jesus laid his hand on John and told him not to fear?
 How does the exalted Christ's authority of all things direct your life?
 How would others answer this about you?
CHALLENGE:
What am I going to do now?
Commit to reading ahead each week. Next weeks passage is Revelation 2:1-29.
 Determine to have your light shine brightly as part of the body of Christ.
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