1. **The location of John's revelations**

   a) Revelation 1:9 What do you know about the Isle of Patmos?

   b) Why did God choose Patmos as the place to give special revelations to the apostle John?

   c) What other Bible characters endured hardship because of their faithfulness to God?

   d) Share a time when you suffered because of your faithfulness to God.

2. **In the Spirit on the Lord's Day**

   a) Revelation 1:10 Many Christians interpret this text as a reference to Sunday. Which day does Scripture identify as the Lord's Day? Matthew 12:8; Exodus 20:8–11, 31:13; Isaiah 58:13

   b) Why do you think the Lord chose the Sabbath to share these special revelations with John?

   c) What does John mean by the expression "in the Spirit" on the Lord's Day? 2 Peter 1:21; 2 Samuel 23:2

3. **Encountering Christ on Patmos**

   a) Revelation 1:12–18 (see also Daniel 10:5–6)

   b) What revelation is the Lord giving here to His servant John? Leviticus 26:12; Matthew 28:20

   c) Jesus repeats the words "I know" on numerous occasions in Revelation 2 and 3. What important message is He wanting to convey? Revelation 1:8; Isaiah 46:9–10; Matthew 11:28–30

4. **Christ's timeless messages for His Church**

   a) Revelation 1:11, 19, 20

   b) There were certainly other churches in need of counsel. What is the significance of the seven churches selected to receive special messages from Jesus?

   c) How do these messages to seven churches in Asia Minor relate to our lives today? 2 Timothy 3:16–17

   d) What message do you think Jesus might send to your local church?

5. **The message of Jesus to the Church in Ephesus**

   a) Revelation 2:1–4

   b) How does Paul describe the Ephesian Christians? Ephesians 1:15

   c) What counsel does Jesus give to Christians in Ephesus and also to us? Revelation 2:5–7

   d) What are some reasons why followers of Jesus might lose their first love?

   e) How can a person rediscover a first-love relationship with Jesus?

   f) What period of church history does this represent?

   g) Where have you seen Ephesus churches today?

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