

# Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: AI: Apocalyptic Insight

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Memory Verse: Revelation 4:11 NIV

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

*The goal of these questions is to foster meaningful discussion and to encourage participants to reflect on God's Word with the goal of heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.*

Big Idea: Witness well. Live holy. Overcome.

## Read Revelation 2:1-7

- The Church at Ephesus was rebuked because they had lost the love they had at first. Do you ever feel that the Christian life is more mundane than exciting? What can we do to hold a steady posture of worship rather than seeing things as a chore? What do you do in your life to keep the love you had at first?

## Read Revelation 2:8-11

- The Church of Smyrna is poised to face intense persecution. In some countries, Christianity is illegal. If you lived in a country hostile to Christianity, do you think that would be fuel or water on your fire for Jesus? What can we do to help those who live in places where Christianity is either illegal or persecuted?
- Some in this church will die because of their faith. If you were faced with the option to recant your faith or die, what would you be processing internally? What would you do in that moment?

## Read Revelation 2:12-17



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- False teachings have entered the church at Pergamum and were leading people astray. Jesus calls them to repent. As a believer, what role does repentance have in your walk? Do you regularly practice confession and repentance?

### Read Revelation 2:18-29

- Jesus calls out the church at Thyatira for tolerating Jezebel, who was a root of sin in the church. How have you experienced a root of sin spreading in your own life? How can we identify and address sin in our lives? What is the role of a Christian in addressing sin within the body? What is the danger of not addressing sin when it is known?
- God's desire for sexual expression is to be between one man and one woman in a covenant relationship. What does Scripture consider sexual immorality? Why do you think adherence to God's guidance in this area is such a struggle for so many? If this is an area of struggle for someone, what suggestions would you give to help them overcome it?

### Read Revelation 3:1-6

- Jesus chastens the church of Sardis by saying, "I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead." Do you ever feel like your reputation is not an accurate reflection of who you really are? Do you ever cover up struggles you are having, pretend to be happy, and tell everyone that you are doing great? How can we move from presenting a fake persona to becoming genuine and authentic?

### Read Revelation 3:7-13

- Can you resonate with the description of the church in Philadelphia that they have little strength? What does it look like to live a life of patient endurance? Is their faithfulness an encouragement to you?

### Read Revelation 3:14-22

- Jesus says to the church in Laodicea, "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline." As you think about why parents discipline kids, does being disciplined by God make you feel loved? In what way(s) would you say you have experienced God's discipline? Did you learn and grow from the experience? Are there still areas where you need to learn your lesson?



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