



LIFEGROUPS

Sermon Series: *Revelation*

Scripture: Revelation 1

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Message: *Seven Lamp Stands*

—[LET'S START]—

The book of Revelation was written to seven churches in the present-day country of Turkey (see map [By en:User:Jonadab - Public Domain]). This important message sent from Jesus through John was meant to be read aloud in each of these churches. Each church had a message for their situation, but a common thread was the instruction to hold on strong to their faith in Christ. What are some things that challenge the faith of believers today?



—[LET'S TALK]—

1. Select one person to read Revelation 1:19. As we examine the book of Revelation, it is important to understand what it meant to the original hearers (past), what it means to us now (present) and what it is telling us that is still ahead (future). Pastor Dale pointed out that even though much has changed in the world from the time when Revelation was written until now, many things are still the same. Not only did early believers face persecution but they also had to deal with heresies of false teaching.
 - How is the persecution of Christians for their faith still the same?
 - Why do you think the church still grows when it is persecuted?
 - How do false teachings come back around over time? What are some that are evident today?
2. Select another person to read Revelation 1:8 & 17. Jesus is the "Alpha" – meaning He is first in authority, power, presence and word. What are some of the things Christians struggle with that take over the number one spot in their lives? Jesus is also the "Omega" – the last. Everything He created is created for His purpose. What are some of the things people feel they need to be satisfied and complete? What can you do to make sure your desires align with God's purpose for you?

