



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 19, 2026

1. Have you ever been associated with a church -- or heard about a church--where there was an intense battle over leadership? Was it a "dictator pastor", or perhaps a "power-hungry" deacon board? Was it a single deacon, or perhaps a long-standing family in the church? What was the struggle and how did it work out?
2. Read **Revelation 1:1-20**, with each person reading a verse until the passage is completed.
3. The word "revelation" means a revealing, unveiling, or disclosure. Who is this revelation all about (verse 1)? Is this a terrifying book to avoid, a code book for conspiracy theorists, or an encouraging book for ordinary Christians? Explain your answer. What experience have you had in this book?
4. What was the divine "line of communication" according to verses 1-2?  
God the Father >>> \_\_\_\_\_ >>> \_\_\_\_\_ >>> \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the special promise attached to the Book of Revelation (verse 3)? Does this make you want to read and digest the contents of this letter?
6. Jesus is the grand and glorious theme of Revelation. What is He called in verse 5a? What did He do for us according to 5b-6? What is He going to do in verse 7?
7. What was the occasion and setting for John to write down the contents of Revelation? (see verses 9-10). Where was John at the time of this "revealing"?
8. How would you describe the appearance of the Lord Jesus in verses 12-16? John the Apostle was one of Jesus' closest friends during His earthly ministry. He knew Jesus very well. But how did John react to this vision of the risen Jesus? (verse 17) What relevant application can we learn from this about protecting the awe and reverence of Jesus in our churches?
9. Can you explain the outline of the book of Revelation from verse 19? Chapter 1: the things which you have \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 2-3: the things which \_\_\_\_\_. Chapter 4-22: the things which will take place \_\_\_\_\_.
10. If Jesus really is the Sovereign Lord of the Church, what does that mean for you as a Christian living in the here and now? Discuss your answers.

*Since Jesus is the Sovereign Lord of the Church, your response is to submit, surrender, and serve.*