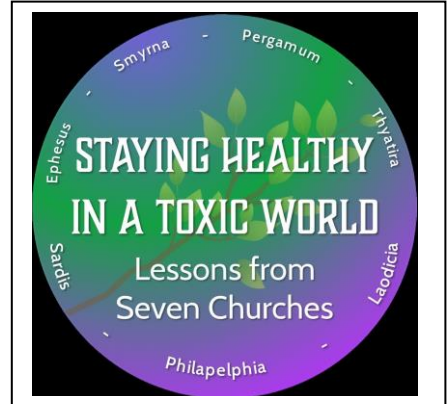


**Study Questions:**  
**Week One: Revelation 1: 9-20.**  
**Turn your eyes upon Jesus**



1. Open with prayer...
2. **Before reading the assigned passage**, briefly share what images come to mind when you hear the word “Jesus”? What “Jesus stories” do you recall?
3. The opening sentences of Revelation 1 encourage us, *“Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it.”* (vs 3). Why does John begin with this promise?
4. We listen as John describes an almost unbelievable vision. This is the most comprehensive description of Jesus found anywhere in the Bible. How does John describe himself (1:9-11)? What does it mean to be “in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day?”
5. John sees seven golden lampstands. What are these and why is it significant that they are called “lampstands”? Jesus stands in the middle of the lampstands. Why is that so important to us?
6. **Observe and experience:** See and Listen. While one person **SLOWLY** reads the vision (12-16), invite others to close their eyes and listen while seeing the images portrayed in their mind. Note the details of the Person he sees (hair, eyes, feet, etc.) How did you feel hearing this read? What stood out to you from the description? How did John react? Pick one or two and share why those descriptions are important to you.
7. How does this grand image of Jesus expand your grasp of His majesty? How does this challenge and comfort you while living in a toxic world? What aspect of our Lord’s character does Powers Creek Church need at this time?
8. Close in prayer.

**Summary:** The resurrected Christ appeared much different to John than the One he walked with during their three years together on Earth. Jesus appears in His High Priestly robe, with striking white hair suggesting age, wisdom, and dignity befitting a Judge. His eyes were “like a flame of fire”—eyes from whom nothing is hidden, eyes that will judge all humanity (Psalm 11:4; Hebrews 4:13). His feet “were like fine brass,” another symbol of stability and endurance in Scripture. John adds two features of Christ’s mouth: the sound and the sword. Drowning out all other voices, His voice evoked images of roaring waterfalls (like Niagara Falls!). Piercing soul and spirit, the sword represented the Word of God (Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12). When Christ returns, He will slay His enemies by His Word (Revelation 2:16; 19:15, 21). We need this fresh vision of Jesus as Lord over all who will someday come to reign in Glory.

