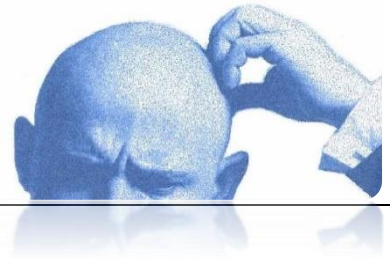


Faithful Presence – Revelation 1:9-20

Small Group Questions



*The following questions are intended to start conversations.
Use only the ones your group finds helpful. Explore others as they come up.*

- Read **Revelation 1:9-20**.
- In this vision the church is identified a lampstand. What does this metaphor say about the church?
- Notice where Jesus is standing (verse 13). Why does this matter?
- How might the image of Jesus standing among the lampstands have been encouraging to the seven churches in Revelation? How is this image encouraging to the church today?
- How would Varsity Bible Church live/act/be different if we daily remembered that Jesus stood with us in this cultural moment? Be specific.
- Read the description of Jesus given in verses 13-16. What stands out? What is confusing?
- When John saw Jesus, his response was to fall at his feet as though dead (verse 17). Have you ever had an encounter with Jesus in which you were completely overwhelmed?
- In his letter to the church in Ephesus, Jesus warned that their lampstand could be removed if they did not repent (see Rev. 2:1-7). What do you think this means? Could this still happen today?
- One way to remember that Jesus walks among the lampstands (is present to the church) is to tell stories. Share a story of God's faithful presence over this past year.