

Bible chat week starting 5 9 21

Read Revelation 1: 8 - 20

1. What was the experience of the churches for whom Revelation was written, judging from verse 9?
2. John is at worship and turns around to “see the voice” speaking to him. Can you remember any times when you wanted to “see the voice” that spoke to you - perhaps a voice on the radio or the phone? Discuss the connection between a person and their voice.
3. Whose voice is speaking? Often the phrase “Son of Man” meant simply a human being. But see also Daniel 7:13 - 14, where “one like a son of man” seems rather more than a bloke down the street! Discuss what the writer wants to convey by using this phrase, Son of Man.
4. Robe, hair, feet and voice: can you remember from the sermon what the description of these characteristics of the figure were signifying?
5. What was the meaning of the seven stars and the double-edged sword?
6. How does the prophet respond to this awesome vision?
7. What message does this vision of Christ bring for the church?
8. What effect would that have on the suffering church?
9. What effect should it have on us, as we remember the suffering church and the suffering world today?
10. The sermon discussed alternative realities, suggesting that humanity may be reaching a tipping point in its collective consciousness, with the online world being regarded as just as real as the physical world. How do you respond to this idea? What are the implications for church?
11. Do you agree that it enables us to connect more richly and without the constraints of space and time, and that this reflects something of the nature of God?