

Sermon Reflection Questions

We encourage you to use these for personal reflection, or to discuss as a family or with a friend, or to dig deeper in small group conversations around the sermon text. You can meet over the phone or online to go through these questions to discuss and pray together.

Series: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ
Message: **Our Hope in Dark Times**
Scripture: **Revelation 1:9-20**
Speaker: Jenny Koh

Reflection Questions:

1. During physical distancing restrictions because of the COVID crisis, how has your emotional and spiritual life been affected (i.e. relationship with God, having a sense that God is with you, trust in God's goodness and love)? What have you deeply been needing and longing for?

2. We have been without the benefits of having the regular practice of coming together physically with the church to worship on Sundays, in small groups, and one-on-one in person with other brothers and sisters.
 - a. How can you foster your relationship with God to be "continually filled" with the Spirit in the way Paul mentions in Eph. 5:18-21?

 - b. What are some intentional and creative ways you can engage your senses more actively on your own or while in virtual gatherings?

3. What kind of darkness may you be experiencing (e.g. depression, hopelessness, loneliness, anger)?
 - a. Invite Jesus to come and shine his piercing, bright presence on that darkness.
 - b. Ask Him, "What do you want to say about this darkness I am experiencing?" Listen for an answer (Jesus might speak to you through your imagination and give you an idea, a picture, a song, a verse, etc.; He might speak to you through a feeling, a physical sensation, etc.).

4. What kind of darkness do you see taking place in church communities (including ours), cities, government, nations, and the world around you (e.g. injustice, blind self-righteousness, selfishness, pride, corruption, intimidation, fear, chaos, discrimination)?
 - a. Invite Jesus to come and shine his piercing, bright presence in those areas of darkness.
 - b. Ask Him, "What do you want to say about these areas of darkness?" Listen for His answer.

 - c. Then ask, "How do you want me to respond to what you have shown me?" Listen for His answer.