

INTRO

- If Jesus wrote a personal letter to you, what do you hope he would say?

Revelation Unveiled explores this often-misunderstood book, revealing it as a vital source of **faith**, **endurance**, and **hope** for us today.

READ

Revelation 1:12-20

Revelation 2:1-7 (or choose one of the others)

[Leaders: Use the questions below as a guide, not a checklist]

REFLECT & RESPOND

Jesus speaks to His Church, both then and now, with love—affirming, correcting, calling, and offering hope. Using the pattern of each of the seven letters, here are five ways Jesus cares for His Church.

1. CHRIST: Centred on Him

“These are the words of him who...”

Q: What stands out about how Jesus introduces Himself to each church?

Each church encounters Christ differently, but He always gets the first word. He defines who we are and where we’re going.

2. COMMENDATION: Affirming what He sees

“I know your deeds...”

Jesus knows each church and their situation intimately, and affirms different things. But what is consistently commended is their **faithfulness** and **perseverance**.

Q: Why is it so powerful that Jesus notices our faithfulness, efforts, and perseverance?

Psychologists say it takes five positives to counter one negative. What does this tell us

about how we speak to ourselves—and to others—in the church?

3. CORRECTION: Reforming where needed

“But I have this against you...”

Again, Jesus addresses specific issues in each church. However, He consistently confronts **complacency** and **compromise** in His church.

Q: Why is correction often hard to receive, even from God?

Q: Is there an area in your life right now where God may highlight complacency or compromise?

4. CALL TO ACTION: A response is required

“Wake up... Repent... Hold fast...”

Q: What happens when we hear God’s Word but don’t act on it?

Any area of life where we seek growth requires action. You don’t get in shape by just watching workout videos!

5. CULTIVATING HOPE: A life anchored in promise

“To the one who is victorious...”

In every letter, Jesus’ final word to His church is hope, designed to frame our perspective, fuel faith, and ground our lives in the present.

Q: In closing, which of the five did you most need to hear? Which do you need the most growth in?

PRAY

- Read Rev 3:20, inviting each person to open the door to Jesus wherever needed.
- Pray for the Spirit to help us become a church community, a small group, and people who model these five markers.