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Revelation 22:6-21

6 And he said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place."

7 "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book."

8 I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, 9 but he said to me, "You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God."

10 And he said to me, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. 11 Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy."

12 "Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes,^c so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15 Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16 "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

18 I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20 He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.^d Amen.

I. Authority of the Book (6-10)

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Life Group Leader Notes:

•Pastor Scott said "If you leave at the end of our study with the images figured out, the numbers figured out, and the timeline all completed and you do not fall at the feet of Jesus, I have failed." Since we began studying Revelation, what has made you fall at his feet? Which passages have encouraged you about his words, his actions, and his description?

•How has this book and our study of it prepared you for Christ's return and the events ahead? What are some practical ways that we can stay mindful of the Lord's appearing?

•Several times in the book we have seen Christ called the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Why is this name/title so important in this book? What is the significance of this self-given title when you consider the story of the Bible?

•In Revelation 22:10-11 the angel said to John, "Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book for the time is near. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy." What surprises you about these words? What is God's intention with these commands? How can they warn and encourage us today?

•Jesus' return is imminent. We can trust that these events will unfold just as he said they would and that it could happen at any time. What would you do this week if you knew Christ was going to return at the end of the week? What would be the first step to take in that effort?

