

## **TALK IT OVER**

The Apocalypse Code

#### **BOTTOM LINE**

We win.

# CONVERSATION STARTER

If the apostle Paul were here today, do you think he would be on social media? Why or why not?

#### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?
What do you think?
What will you do?

#### **RESOURCES**

- The Daily: <u>newpointeorg/daily</u>
- Who was John? and where was Patmos? (under 3 minutes)

#### **KEY VERSES AND QUOTES**

This is a revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants the events that must soon take place. He sent an angel to present this revelation to his servant John, who faithfully reported everything he saw. This is his report of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. God blesses the one who reads the words of this prophecy to the church, and he blesses all who listen to its message and obey what it says, for the time is near. Revelation 1:1-3 NLT

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

Matthew 16:24 NLT

"The Book of Revelation should not generate fear or craziness, but faithfulness and courage." – Dwight Mason

"Read The Book of Revelation like you read *The Chronicles of Narnia* or *The Lord of the Rings*. Don't get lost in interpretation. Let the story be what it is—rejoice that justice is going to come about and the evil empire is going to be defeated." – Dwight Mason

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Why do you think anyone who reads Revelation is assured of a blessing? How do you think that blessing and reward comes? (Also promised in Revelation 22:12-13.) "The message is not about who is doing what—it's about the truth that God wins!" Do you agree? How does this help you? How do you see Babylon characteristics in our world? Specifically, what are your own struggles? Team Babylon's mission is accusation, deceit, and death. Where are you susceptible? Where do you need to adjust your life to the Truth, not try to adjust truth to your life? How do you recognize when you are doing that? What does allegiance, fully pursuing and following the Lamb, look like? "When you know what the Lamb's rulebook looks like, you will be able to discern what is good and live in counter-cultural obedience." Discuss. Discuss what it means to take up your cross daily and follow.

### **ACTION STEPS** (This or one of your own)

I want to live in confidence in these days and inspire hope in others.  I will faithfully pursue and follow the Lamb. I reject this characteristic of	
Babylon in my life:	
My Action Step:	

