

Listening Guide

This Listening Guide is designed to help you ask questions and take notes on what you're learning. The process will accomplish two things: first, it will help process the information in the lecture by keeping your mind engaged with the material. Second, it will allow you to collect your notes in one place for a summary of the lesson's content. If you choose to do additional study or want to teach the material to others, you will have a thorough set of notes to guide you.

You may print these Listening Guide pages separately and complete the information as you read, listen to, or watch the lessons. Or as an alternative, you can fill in the fields in this digital version and save to your computer once you are finished.

I. Letters: Instruction

[1] As you read this paragraph, in what ways do you think the first-century church was like and unlike the churches in your city today?

[2] What role did the New Testament letters play in the early church?

[3] Why do you think those who received these letters were so overjoyed?

[4] What was the relationship between the letters' contents and those who received the letters?

[5] What was the primary purpose of these letters?

[6] Of the topics of instruction listed in this paragraph, which would be most important for the churches in your area? Why? Which would be least important? Why?

[7] If you were going to write a letter to be read by the Christians in your city, which of these principles would you most likely address? Why? What would you say?

[8] Which principle would you least likely address? Why?

[9] Of these eight basic beliefs of Christianity which are you most informed about? Which are you least informed about?

[10] Select two of the truths we see about God in the epistles that are the most significant and helpful to you.

[11] Of these two “most significant” truths, explain what makes one of them significant.

II. Revelation: Prophecy

[12] This paragraph provides a thumbnail sketch of the New Testament’s emphases. Can you name the events? If not, read the paragraph over a few times and see if you can repeat this catalog of the New Testament’s high points.

[13] Do you ever ask yourself these questions? What kind of answer do you generate?

[14] How interested are you in the book of Revelation?

[15] Have you ever studied it?

[16] Do you want to study it?

[17] If you did study it, what do you think you would learn?

[18] What do the seven lampstands in Revelation 2 and 3 represent?

[19] What qualified Jesus to open the large scroll?

[20] What difference did the act that qualified Jesus make on history?

[21] What difference has it made or is making on your history?

[22] List the three sections that Revelation 6–22 address. Outlining the book this way will help you understand what John was doing with each section.

[23] How is the result of the seventh seal different from the other six?

[24] What actually happens when the seventh seal is broken?

[25] What do you think is God's reason for all this devastation?

[26] What three events are named in this paragraph?

[27] What two events does this paragraph present?

[28] This listing of events can be confusing, so try completing these thoughts to help you see them more clearly:

After the Jews turn in faith to Jesus, He will...

When the millennium is over,

Satan will be...

The rebels will be...

The earth and heavens will be...

All unbelievers will be...

[29] After reading about all the destruction that will take place in the tribulation, what is your response to this description of heaven?

[30] How real does heaven seem to you?

[31] . Paul prayed in Ephesians 1:18 that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.” This description of Christ’s return is always set before Christians as a sustaining hope. Pray Paul’s prayer for yourself and claim this glorious promise as your guiding and empowering hope when your world gets difficult and discouraging.

[32] Select two of the truths we see about God in the visions of Revelation that are the most significant and helpful to you.

[33] Of these two “most significant” truths, explain what makes one of them significant.

Reflection

Record one new fact or insight you discovered in this lesson.

Application

The book of Revelation opens (1:3) and closes (22:7) with blessings for those who read and keep the words of “this book.” In places it is a difficult book to read. But God obviously wanted His people to be familiar with it and said, “Blessed are those who keep the words of the prophecy of this book” (22:7). The most fitting application to this Revelation is to read it and pray for God’s strength and wisdom to “keep” it.