

Group/Individual Study

Series - Dear Church: Letter to the churches

REFLECT on the message heard on Sunday, 11/25

1. Read Chapter 1 of the book Revelation. Underline all the characteristics of Jesus you find. Choose the one that is most awe-inspiring to you. Attempt to carry that characteristic into your daily life this Advent (Dec 2-24) in some manner that you will be reminded of when the rubble of life impacts you.
2. If Jesus told you the truth about your spiritual condition, what do you think He would say? Which of the 7 Churches does it relate to the most. Write yourself a letter from Jesus in a very gracious, but truthful manner. Then share it with your group or another person.
3. Take some time to enter into confession (agreeing with God) and repenting (turning away) from the action or attitude you want to change? Do this in some physical manner so that it is more than a mental exercise. You need to let someone know to affirm or celebrate with you, who should that be?
4. Write a final summation statement about the 7 Letters to the Churches in Revelation. It could start in the following manner:

God you have revealed to me....

5. Ask God in prayer: Help me to see and close the gaps in my life. Thank you for your love for me. Thank you for never letting me go. Thank you for loving me enough to say something about this. Please bring me back to life. May I hold onto what I know of you. May you strengthen me throughout Advent so my gratitude is greater than ever this Christmas.