

Questions for further study .... Sept 4<sup>th</sup> '10

God's renewal plan

Introduction: Rev 1:9-20

For God to renew us we need to ...

1. ask that we might be aware of Jesus each day
2. we need to live in awe of Him
3. we need to receive His strength

1. What is the main message of this passage?
2. How is Jesus described? What do you think is the significance of each part of the description? How would you react if He appeared to you as He did to John in this passage? How does this passage challenge your view of Jesus?
3. Look up Matthew 17:1-8 where John also sees the glorified Jesus. Compare this with Rev 1:17,18. Why did Jesus, in both instances, immediately place His right hand upon John and speak comforting words? What can we learn from this? Into what situations in your life do Jesus' words "Don't be afraid" bring peace & hope?
4. Verse 20 uses an interesting picture ... describing churches as lampstands. Look up these other New Testament references, and discuss what they tell us about how God wants us to live (as individual Christians as well as whole churches).  
Matthew 5:14-16; Eph 5:8-10; Philippians 2:14-16;  
Colossians 1:10-13; 1 John 1:5-7; 1 John 2:9-11:  
How is your light shining before others?