## The Alpha and the Omega

(and everything in between)

Revelation 1:1-8

### Blessing and Hardship

What blessings do some people get?
What hardships do some people encounter?
How do you explain this world...?

1-3: God the Father  $\rightarrow$  the Son  $\rightarrow$  the angel  $\rightarrow$  John

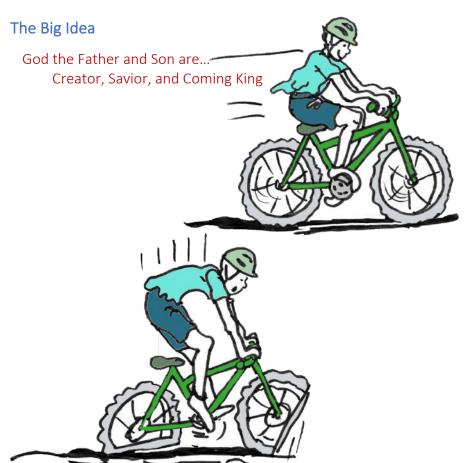
4-5a: Grace and peace from...

God the Father, the Spirit, and the Son

5b-6: Praise to the Son

7: Jesus is coming!

8: God the Father is the coming Almighty One



#### How to understand life







#### **God the Coming King**

Justice & mercy All things made right and good

## **Application**

## See all of life by these 3 anchor points

Creator Savior Coming King

## Set our hope on God the Coming King

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

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Revelation 22:20-21

## Reflection Questions for later today or this week...

- 1. Is there one of these three anchor points that stands out to you the most? Why?
- 2. Is there one of these three anchor points that you often overlook? Why might that be?
- 3. As you encounter joys and sorrows and tragedies, how do these anchor points help you have live well in God?
- 4. In what way does "God the Coming King" give you hope and joy?

# Conversation starters with people in daily life, whether or not they are Christians

How do you make sense of our world that has such good and such evil and such tragedy in it?