Session 10: The Teachings of Christ on His Church Remember Acts 17:11 The Apocalypse Promised Blessing (1:3) Christ's Outline for the Book - "Have Seen" the Risen Christ (Ch. 1) - "That Which Is" the Seven Churches (Ch. 2-3) - "Hereafter" The Conquest (Ch. 4-22) Areas of Meaning: - The Name of the Church (Translated Meaning) - The Title Christ Chooses for Himself - Commendation - Concern - Instruction - Promise to the Overcomer Ministries of the Local Church: "Your Works" - Ministry to God: Worship - Ministry to Each Other: Discipleship/Fellowship Missions - Ministry to the Suffering: - Ministry to the Lost: Evangelism Heresies in the Church: - Legalism: Subjugation to Law/Tradition (Works Righteousness) Denial of Christ's Divinity - Arianism: Denial of Christ's Humanity - Gnosticism: - Pluralism: Denial of God's Exclusivity - Nicolaitan-ism: Abuse of Church Authority for Political or Personal Influence/Gain The Letters to the Churches: - Provide Christ's Evaluation of His Churches - Both Good and Bad - Issues and Solutions that Remain Today - Include Heavenly Rewards (In Addition to Salvation)

Journey Through the Bible: Revelation

Other Teachings of the Church: - Founded on Jesus as the Son of God (Mat. 16:18-20) - Jesus is the Head of the Church (Col. 1:18) - Reason for Jesus' Sacrifice (Eph. 5:23-25) - Equipped for a Variety of Ministries (1 Cor. 12:12-14) - Live in Contrast to the World (2 Tim. 2:19) - Live as a Family in Continuous Fellowship (Acts 2:42) - A Chosen and Royally Appointed Priesthood (1Pet. 2:5-9) - Always Ready to Give an Account of Our Hope (1Pet. 3:15) - Gather Frequently & More Often as the Day Approaches (Heb. 10:25) - Love One Another as Christ Loves Us (Jn.13:34-35)	
The Kingdom Parables (Matthew 13)	
Why Parables (13:10-17): - So That the Believer May Understand, Not the Unbeliever - Guidance of the Holy Spirit - As Truth is Given to the Believer, the Believer is Judged - Do We Substitute Our Preferences Over Spiritual Truth? - Do We Proclaim or Withhold? - Do We Teach Sound Doctrine or False - Do We Offer Learning or Emotion Only The Concealed Secret of the Old Testament (13:34-35; CF. Eph. 3:4-6) - The Church - Converted Gentiles and Jews - Grafted into the New Covenant of Christ - Co-Heirs with Christ, Together - Partakers of the Same Gospel	
The Four Soils (13:3-9;18-23): - Seed: Word of God - Soil: Hearts in the World - Birds: Servants of the Evil One - Stony Places: Shallow Faith (Immature/Fair Weather) - Thorns: Worldly Cares Shade Spiritual Growth	

The Wheat and the Tares (13:24-30; 36-43): - Sower: Christ - Field: World - Wheat: Believers / Tares: Unbelievers - Enemy: Devil - The Enemy Will Harass the Kingdom - True Colors Will Become Evident	
The Mustard Seed (13:31-32): - Egyptian (3ft); West European (20ft) - Constancy: Prophetic Symbols Hold Meaning - Birds? (Ref. Parable of the Four Soils)	
Flour and Leaven (13:33): - 3 Measures of Meal (Fellowship Offering) - Ref. Gen. 18 Abraham at Mamre (God and 2 Angels) - Leaven is Symbolic of Sin (Corruption by Puffing Up) - Pride Before God - Pride Destroying Fellowship - Pride Corrupting the Kingdom (Church)	
The Treasure and the Field (13:44): - Field: World (Ref. Wheat & Tares / 4 Soils) - Treasure: The Church - Christ Gave All	
The Pearl of Great Price (13:45-46): Oysters are NOT KOSHER Pearls are Unclean (Gentiles) Begin as an Irritant Grow Through "Washing" Removed and Cherished as Precious	
The Fishing Net (13:47-50): - Christ as Divine Judge - Brought in the Good/Cast Out the Bad	

Central Truths: 4 Soils: - Church Membership Requires Commitment - Persecutors from the Outside (Avoid Birds) - Teaching Within the Home and the Church - Maturity Withstands Persecution and Worldly Pressures - Maturity Digs Deeper into the Word of God - Maturity Requires Constant Watchfulness and Reliance on God	
Wheat & Tares: - Discipline Within the Body (Persecutors Within) - The Enemy will Try to Rob the Body of Health - Persecution from Within (Gossip, Posturing, False Teaching, Power Struggles) - Church Membership Does NOT Equal Regeneration - The Truth of the Heart is Known to God	
The Mustard Seed: - Gentiles Are Part of the Growing Church - The Church Grows Through Faith (Reliance on God's Faithfulness) - A Growing Church Attracts the Enemy's Attention (The Birds are After the Seeds) - False Teachers and Doctrines - False Image or Understanding of Christ	
Flour and Leaven: - Sin Corrupts the Body - Pride Destroys the Fellowship - Pride Corrupts Totally - A Church More Reliant on Self than God is Useless	
Treasure in the Field: - John 3:16-17	
The Fishing Net: - Christ is Lord and Judge	
For Session 11: - What Does Prophecy Mean to You? - What Are the Characteristics of Real Prophecy? - How Did They / Can We Identify False Prophets?	