**FOCUS Bible Study - June 29**

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[**Revelation 1 - Jesus's Appearance @ 0:01**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=1)

John describes his vision of Jesus, who is wearing a robe and a golden sash around his chest, with white hair, fiery eyes, and feet like burnished bronze. This symbolizes Jesus's divine nature, purity, and power to judge.

[**The Seven Candlesticks and Churches @ 9:44**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=584)

The seven golden candlesticks represent the seven churches that Jesus will have John write to. The candlesticks symbolize the spiritual completion and illumination that should be present in the church, the body of believers.

[**Jesus Comforts John @ 26:57**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=1617)

When John sees the vision of Jesus, he falls down as if dead. But Jesus places his right hand on John, representing God's power, and tells him not to be afraid, for he is the first and the last, the one who was dead and is now alive.

[**The Fiery Furnace and God's Presence @ 31:56**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=1916)

The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego being thrown into the fiery furnace shows that God is present with us in the midst of trials, and that he has the power to deliver us, even from the most difficult circumstances.

[**The Gates of Heaven @ 58:20**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=3500)

The description in Revelation 21 of the 12 gates of heaven, each made of a single pearl, represents how God uses the trials and difficulties we face to refine and transform us, making us valuable like pearls, so that we can enter into his presence.

[**Closing Prayer and Announcements @ 1:06:22**](https://fathom.video/share/2MS6j-aP3zDWcF9cg1t3eR9xEG2Ui4xB?tab=summary&timestamp=66)

Rick closes the meeting with a prayer for the various prayer requests shared, and announces that Lori will be leading the next Bible study in two weeks while Rick is away for his daughter's wedding.