Participant Handout

2026 Q4 L05 Revelation and Inspiration

Big Idea: The multiform process of revelation and inspiration—whether spoken, written, or acted out—exists for one ultimate goal: to point us to the living Word, Jesus Christ.

How to Use This Handout

- Read the passage.
- Notice what the text says.
- Bring your questions and reflections to the discussion.
- Leave space for what God is showing you.

Day 1: Revelation and Inspiration

Main Theme: God has an intentional, secure chain of delivery to ensure humanity receives the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Set the Scene Exiled on the island of Patmos, John reveals the exact chain of custody God used to deliver His message to the church.

Read Revelation 1:1-2 "The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him... And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John..." (NKJV)

Think About

- Why do you think God goes to such extraordinary lengths across the universe to deliver His messages to us?
- How does understanding this "chain of custody" increase your trust in the Bible?

Notice

- The originator of the message: _____
- Who the message is given to and sent by: _____
- Who bears witness to the church: _____

Apply How can I take a moment today to thank God for protecting His truth across the ages so it could safely reach my hands?

Day 2: General and Special Revelation

Main Theme While nature reveals God's immense power and creativity, we desperately need the Written Word to understand His plan of salvation.

Set the Scene The author of Hebrews begins his letter by clarifying exactly how God has spoken to humanity to reveal His saving grace.

Read Hebrews 1:1-2 "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets..." (NKJV)

Think About

- What can "General Revelation" (nature) teach us about God, and what are its limits?
- Why do we so desperately need "Special Revelation" (the Bible) to understand our purpose and destiny?

Notice

1. How God spoke in the past: _____
2. Who God used to speak in the past: _____
3. How God has spoken in these last days: _____

Apply When I spend time outside today, how can I pair appreciating God's creation with reading a chapter of the Gospels?

Day 3: The Process of Inspiration

Main Theme The Holy Spirit does not mechanically dictate words, but inspires holy men of God, imbuing their minds with divine truth.

Set the Scene Peter explains to the early believers exactly how the prophecies of the Old Testament came to be recorded with such absolute authority.

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21 "...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (NKJV)

Think About

1. Why is it important to understand that God inspires the person, not just the pen?
2. How does knowing that the writers used their own language and style change the way you read different books of the Bible?

Notice

1. Where prophecy does not come from: _____
2. Who delivered the prophecy: _____
3. What moved them to speak: _____

Apply Before I open my Bible tomorrow, how will I pray specifically for the Holy Spirit to illuminate the text for my finite mind?

Day 4: Oral Messages

Main Theme Some of the greatest prophetic messages were never written down, proving that God's spoken word carries absolute divine authority.

Set the Scene Throughout biblical history, God used prophets like Elijah and John the Baptist to deliver oral messages. Jesus Himself taught with such profound oral authority that it astonished the crowds.

Read Matthew 7:28-29 "...the people were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority..." (NKJV)

Think About

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to preach and teach orally rather than writing books of the Bible Himself?
2. How does this emphasize the power and authority of the spoken Word of God?

Notice

1. How Jesus delivered these sayings: _____
2. The people's reaction to His teaching: _____
3. The kind of authority He spoke with: _____

Apply How can I use my voice today to speak a word of life, encouragement, or biblical truth over someone in my family or workplace?

Day 5: Written Messages

Main Theme God commanded His prophets to write things down to give permanence to the message so it could safely reach us today.

Set the Scene After a major victory against the Amalekites, God instructed Moses to document the event so future generations would never forget His deliverance.

Read Exodus 17:14 "Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Write this for a memorial in the book and recount it in the hearing of Joshua...'" (NKJV)

Think About

1. Why is it so crucial for our faith that God ordered His messages to be permanently recorded?
2. How does the written Word protect us from the subtle deceptions of false teachings over time?

Notice

3. What God commands Moses to do: _____
4. What the writing serves as: _____
5. Who the record is to be shared with: _____

Apply What is one promise from Scripture I can write down today as a personal memorial of God's faithfulness?

Day 6: Drama, Symbols, Parables

Main Theme When people become spiritually numb to words, God uses striking visual dramatizations as a final act of mercy to wake them up.

Set the Scene The people of Judah had become completely deaf to standard preaching. To break through their spiritual blindness, God commanded Ezekiel to physically act out the impending siege of Jerusalem.

Read Ezekiel 4:1-2 "You also, son of man, take a clay tablet and lay it before you, and portray on it a city, Jerusalem." (NKJV)

Think About

6. Why would God resort to using bizarre physical drama instead of just sending another spoken warning?
7. How do the dramatic actions of the prophets demonstrate the desperate, relentless mercy of God?

Notice

8. The physical object God tells Ezekiel to use: _____
9. The specific city he is told to portray: _____
10. The dramatic scene he acts out: _____

Apply Is there an area of my life where I have become spiritually numb, and how can I invite God to wake me up?

Day 7 Reflection

This week I discovered:

A truth about Jesus I want to remember:

One step I will take this week:

Prayer: