

"Is Jesus Effective Today?"

1. Read Revelation 12:10. What authority does Christ currently have on earth? What specifically changed about life on earth when "the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God" came?

Read Revelation 1:9. There is tension between the concepts of *suffering* and the need for *patient endurance*, on the one hand, and the *kingdom* (reign) of Jesus, on the other hand. What role do suffering and endurance play in the current reign of Jesus?

2. Do the ways of Jesus, his instructions and life example, work? How would you determine, through experience, whether his ways actually work? Complete this sentence: "I would know Jesus' ways work if..."
3. Read Luke 9:23–24; Acts 14:21–22; and 2 Timothy 3:10–13. These scriptures state that hardship and persecution are inevitable for disciples of Jesus. Do you think these statements are universal, applying to all Christians in all ages, or do you think they apply only to Christians during the conditions present when each statement was made? Explain your answer.

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?
- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?