

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The Seven - A Church Under Judgement

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DISCUSSION:

1. Thyatira had a temple to a sun-god who was represented as having flaming rays and feet of burnished brass. Jesus opens His letter by describing some aspect of Himself. Why do you think He chose the words used in Revelation 2:18?
2. Read Revelation 2:19. Once again, Jesus begins His letter by commending the church for things they are doing well. How well do you follow this pattern before criticizing someone?
3. Read Revelation 2:20. When is toleration appropriate and when does it interfere with the Christian faith?
4. Last week we addressed false *cultural* teachings that invade some churches today from the outside. In Thyatira, Jezebel appears to influence the church from inside, claiming to be a prophetess. What are some clear false *doctrinal* teachings that have been promoted by those claiming to be Christians? How have the false teachings affected the church? How do we as individual believers and as a church combat this?
5. Read Revelation 2:21-23. What are the consequences for Jezebel and those who follow her teachings and choose not to repent? How should we address fellow believers today who are sliding toward false teachings?
6. In Revelation 2:26-27, the Lord promises that those who do His will to the end will have authority over the nations. What does this mean? See Daniel 7:18, 22, 27; 1 Corinthians 6:2-3; and Rev. 20:6.

APPLICATION:

In Revelation 2:19 Jesus commends the church in Thyatira for five things that they are doing more than at first. What are they? Pick one and discuss how you can do more of it.

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- I. We need to hear from Jesus, the **SON** of God. Acts 16:13-15
 - A. He is **PERCEPTIVE** and **POWERFUL** Rev 2:18
- II. Jesus commends us for good **WORKS**. Rev 2:19
 - A. **DO** good things and **GROW** in good things.
- III. Jesus confronts us for **TOLERATING** sin. Rev 2:20

Four Areas of Danger:

 - A. **Personality**
 - B. **Authority**
 - C. **Theology**
 - D. **Morality**
- IV. Jesus corrects us with loving **DISCIPLINE**. Rev 2:21-23
 - A. It is **FAIR, FULL**, and **FINAL**.
- V. Jesus challenges us to **HOLD FAST**. Rev 2:24-29
 - A. Our reward is His **POWER** and **PRESENCE**. Rev 20:1-4; 22:16;
Heb 13:8