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**May 19, 2019**  
**Revelation 2:8-11**  
**“Smyrna: The Faithful Church”**

**QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

Ice Breaker: Tony said “one is willing to suffer for the one he/she loves”. What’s the one restaurant you’d suffer through fasting all day to get too?

1. Christ’s supremacy is on full display in this passage. How does this big view of Christ comfort you in times of suffering for Him?
2. When was the last time the Gospel and its implications felt like an assault on your comfort and security?
3. Fear of suffering in any way is universal. Every people group throughout history has faced this fear. How can this passage and its truths help your missions and everyday evangelism?
4. Our greatest fears can show us our idols. Is there idolatry you see in your own heart you want help in repenting of and turning from? We all have them. How can we come along side you and walk with you in this?
5. How does this teaching—that God tests our faith—impact the way you view the Christian life and experience?
6. Tony said to put these 4 things together -
  - . You will suffer
  - . God is sovereign over its duration
  - . He is sovereignly working out his purposes through it
  - . You don’t have to be afraid- This is the hope we have to hold to as believers. What part of these four are you prone to lose sight of in the midst of suffering?
7. How can this Growth Group come along side of you and help you Train, Persevere, and Finish your race?
8. Tony referenced Philippians 1:29-30. Paul says that believers are “granted to suffer ...Engaged in the same conflict.” Are you engaged in the race set before you as Paul says believers are to be? How can you re-engage the race Christ has set before you if you’ve been on the sidelines?

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