



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

May 26, 2019

Revelation 2:12-17

“Pergamum: The Compromising Church”

QUESTIONS

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

1. The first two churches show us the importance of love in the church (Ephesus lost it, and Smyrna suffered because they had it). Pergamum show us the importance of truth in the church. Why is it important that the church maintain both love and truth?
2. Jesus told Pergamum, “I know where you dwell”. Do you take comfort in knowing that Jesus understands your context? How can this knowledge strengthen us in the midst of suffering or persecution?
3. Tony calls Pergamum the compromising church. What tools do we have as a church to combat compromising to our present culture?
4. The “open minded, progressive and tolerant” Nicolaitans distorted the gospel and taught that it was okay to worship idols. How do we, as a church, stand against this type of teaching while maintaining a doctrine of grace (not salvation by works)?
5. Tony issued a “call to accountability”. As church members, how can we hold one another accountable without becoming overly critical? What is that balance?
6. Tony said, “The church today would be better served to stop trying to expect unregenerate people to look like Christians, and spend more time making the Christian church look like Christ.” Practically, how can we make each other, in this growth group, look more like Jesus?
7. In this passage, we are called to “repent”. We receive a warning if we don’t repent and a promise if we do. The warning is Jesus’ double-edged sword of truth and judgement. The promise is an invitation to the messianic banquet (among other things). What does this warning and promise reveal about Jesus and his thoughts on idolatry and unfaithfulness?
8. Tony defined faithfulness as “a long obedience in the same direction.” What day-to-day actions can we practice that will lead to this type of faithfulness?