

LifeGroup Study Sheet**October 25th – Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 5**

This guide is designed to help you prepare for discussion in your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

The introduction of the 7 Comparisons of the 7 Churches continues in this week with the Churches of Pergamum and Thyatira. Pastor Jeff used 7 points to describe these churches.

Pergamum

City – Pergamum

Compliment – Remained True

Commitment – Manna/Stone

Church - Compromised

Criticism – False Teaching

Christ – Sword (mouth)

Challenge – Repent

Thyatira

City – Thyatira

Compliment – Improving

Commitment – Morning Star

Church – Compromised

Criticism – False Teaching

Christ – Flame (eyes)

Challenge – Remain Firm

The ways that both of these churches are given a unique picture of Jesus is incredible to point out. Pergamum is given the image of Jesus with a “double edged sword” (**Rev 2:12**) Thyatira is given the image of Jesus having “eyes like a flame of fire” (**Rev 2:18**). Read the following passages and write down/discuss how you think those images of Jesus relate to the specific church they were given to:

John 17:17

John 16:33

John 15:3

John 15:11

Digging In

Read Revelation 2:12-29

Question 1: Pastor Jeff taught about how both the church of Pergamum and Thyatira both compromised on the truth of God's Word. How in your own life have you noticed the damaging effects on compromising from the truth from God's word? Notice, the Pergamum church was faithful to Jesus' name (**Rev 2:13**), but their practical theology was starting to become compromised (**Rev. 2:14**).

Question 2: One of the challenges that both of these churches was given was to not remain complacent in their faith. Jesus is saying, don't get so comfortable with where you are spiritually, that you aren't actively growing. In what areas of your faith have you become complacent? Your quiet time reading God's Word? Your

prayer life? Sharing your faith? Read again the commitment that Jesus gives the church of Pergamum (**Rev 2:17**). Jesus promises “to the one who conquers I will give some hidden manna.”

Question 3: Read **Romans 12:1-2**. Through the world we live in now, we can easily be influenced by the ways of our culture or the practices of the world. Jesus is clear about His people not conforming to the way the “God-less” world operates. The church of Thyatira was conforming to the “practicing sexual immorality and participating in idol worship” (**Rev 2:20**). In what ways do you see Christians falling into the practices of the world? How have some of these things also slipped into your own life? How do you recognize them in your life?

Question 4: The final challenge Pastor Jeff gave was when we as Christians, through the power of Jesus, are able to overcome sin. Read **1 John 5:4-5**. We are supposed to never condone sin in our lives, but to overcome it. In what areas of your life are you condoning sin? How are you addressing it and identifying it when it comes up?

Taking it Home

Hebrews 4:12

When is a time in your life you found the Bible, as described in this verse, convicting you to change?

1 John 5:19 - 2 Corinthians 4:4

How might knowing that Satan is influencing the world around us impact our faith?

2 Corinthians 5:17

In what ways have you experienced becoming a new person after deciding to follow Jesus?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?

