

Revelation Small Group Study

Week One

To the Church in Sardis

Read Revelation 3:1-6 out loud together

Can you think of an example of someone or something that has a reputation that is better than reality?

Jesus says, "Wake up!"; what do you think He means? What does waking up look like?

Repent. How would you define the word repent? Have you ever repented of anything before?

How does it make you feel to hear there are people who are struggling and missing it, but there are people who will walk with Jesus dressed in white?

Week Two

To the Church in Ephesus

Read Revelation 2:1-7 out loud together

Name all the church goer things you know you are supposed to do.

What is your motivation to do those things?

Do you remember how you felt when you first understood what the grace of God really meant?

Where have you heard of the Tree of Life before? And what do you think that means?

Week Three

To the Church in Thyatira

Read Revelation 2:18-29 out loud together

In the churches there seems to be a theme of struggle with adultery and other sexual immorality. This was true then, do you think it's still true now? Why or why not?

Jesus says, to him who overcomes, what do you think He's referring to? What do you think overcoming looks like?

Jesus says that we will share His authority with Him at some point in the future, how does that make you feel? What do you think that will look like?

Week Four

To the Church in Laodicea

Read Revelation 3:14-22 out loud together

What does Jesus mean when He says you are neither hot or cold?

Read verse 17 again. How does this passage make you feel? Based on this passage, how do you think Jesus feels about material wealth as a life goal?

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. How does that make you feel?

Read verse 20 again. How would you restate this in your own words?

Week Five

To the Church in Pergamum

Read Revelation 2:12-17 out loud together

Life in the first century was pretty challenging in the cities around the Mediterranean Sea. How would you compare what they struggled with compared to what we struggle with today?

**FYI - the Nicolaitans were followers of Nicolaus. He was one of the first seven appointed by the apostles. But he held that it was a matter of indifference to practice adultery or eat food that had been sacrificed to idols. Really they lived lives full bore pursuing pleasure and indulgence with no conscience.

What do you think Jesus meant by hidden manna?

Why do you think Jesus has a name that just He calls us, that's only between He and us?

What's the significance of the white stone?

Week Six

To the Church in Smyrna

Read Revelation 2:8-11 out loud together

Why do you think God allows His followers to suffer?

Why should we be okay with suffering?

What do you think and feel when you hear so clearly that difficulty and persecution should be expected?

Jesus mentions the crown of life, what does that mean to you?

Week Seven

To the Church in Philadelphia

Read Revelation 3:7-13 out loud together

Jesus says, "I know your deeds." How does that make you feel?

A door is open that no one can close. What do you think Jesus is talking about?

Jesus says that He is coming soon, yet He isn't here yet. How do you reconcile that?

Jesus asks us to endure patiently. What do you think we will have to endure? What does patiently look like to you?

The people of Philadelphia seem powerless in this world, but Jesus shares words with the most power at the end of this passage. Why do you think that is?