



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 4 – Rev. 2:12-29 – Jan. 24, 2021

Helpful Resources for Studying Revelation

Revelation for You by Tim Chester – <https://bit.ly/RevForYou>

The BibleProject Videos – Rev. 1-11: <https://bit.ly/Rev1-11> Rev. 12-22: <https://bit.ly/Rev12-22>

Revelation: The Triumph of God – <https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod>

Revelation: by William Subash – *RightNow Media* – <https://bit.ly/williamsbush>

Revelation can be an intimidating book to study. As you continue this endeavor, allow God to speak to you through his written Word.

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



KNOW:

- What is the difference between joy and happiness?
- Has something ever happened to you, whether good or bad, that has caused you to think of yourself in an entirely different way? What was that thing and how did it shape your identity and your thinking?
- What are some thoughts or sayings growing up that you thought were Bible verses that weren't?
- At what point does a good thing become a bad thing?
- Take a moment to think about yourself. Do you have a teachable spirit? Are you willing to listen when someone brings encouragement or correction to you? How do you usually respond?



GROW:

- Take time to read Revelation 2:12-29. What stands out to you from the text? Was there something you haven't noticed before?
- In verse 16, Jesus says "Repent". This is not just a suggestion but, rather, a command. What is the difference between true repentance and false repentance? What is Jesus asking of this church?
- These passages repeatedly use the phrase "I know" when levying charges against the churches. What is the point of confession and repentance if our sins are already known? Why are we not able to just change our actions and move on?
- How is Jesus described to each of these churches? What do these descriptions say about his character? Do these descriptions challenge your view of Jesus at all?
- There is an imperative to stand against the false teachers who stood among the believers. What kinds of things were the Christians called to stand against?
- Both churches have a reference for the "one who conquers". How would this be encouraging to the readers?



SHOW:

- Revelation 2 talks about the victory and blessing of those that conquer. These are people who believe in Christ and hold fast to Him. What are steps in your walk you need to take to help you cling to the Lord and endure until the end?
- Are there areas in your life that the Lord is calling you to repent? Is there something that you feel led to step out in faith, but have been apprehensive?
- The believers in Pergamum have held fast against many pagan practices but were still influenced by some sinful practices. In what ways do you see this at play in your own life? What temptations lure the church today?
- Jesus charged the church of Thyatira with being too tolerant of evil. In what areas are Christians today too tolerant? What areas of sin in your life do you gloss over or make excuses for? Are there ways that our D-Group can work toward challenging each other in repentance in our own ongoing walk with Christ?
- How might we care for someone who is under pressure to compromise their beliefs? Pray for someone you know who is under that pressure.