



Revelation 2:18-29 Small Group Discussion Questions

- Have someone in your group read Revelation 2:18-29. What do we learn about the church in Thyatira here?
- In verse 18, Jesus introduces Himself once again. How does He describe Himself? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes His eyes here?
 - How does His ability to see everything challenge or encourage us as individuals and as a church?
 - How does the fact that Jesus sees help us when we feel that our good deeds are unseen and unappreciated?
- What does Jesus see in this church that He commends in v. 19?
 - Why does Jesus take the time to celebrate them? What does this say about His character and nature?
 - Wesley said that Jesus is more eager to celebrate you than anyone else. How does this fact affect our inner motivations?
 - What does it look like for a church to excel in “love and faith and service?” What might it feel like to walk into this kind of church?
 - Practically, what might it take to be known as people who are marked by “love and faith and service”?
- How would you summarize the critique that Jesus makes in verse 20?
 - What is this church tolerating that they should not?
 - Wesley said that there is good tolerance and unhealthy tolerance. How do we practically distinguish between the two?

- The church at Thyatira tolerated false teaching that led to moral and spiritual compromise. How do we see similar patterns in some churches today, particularly in mainline denominations?
- How does the desire to be culturally relevant or inclusive sometimes lead churches to abandon Biblical truth?
- A common trend today is to treat the Bible as merely a historical document that needs updating to align with modern values. This approach can lead to rejecting parts of Scripture that are seen as offensive or outdated, such as teachings on sexuality or gender. Why is it dangerous to see the Bible as a document that changes with culture instead of the timeless Word of God?
- Wesley said that this drift can happen when people become disillusioned with hypocrisy in the church. How do we catch hypocrisy in our own lives to prevent this? Where have you seen hypocrisy creeping up in your own life?
- Another cause of this drift towards passive tolerance is compassion without discernment. Why do we need Biblical discernment in partnership with our compassion?
 - How, in concrete terms, can Christians build up discernment?
 - Sometimes, compassion is used as a reason to affirm behaviors or lifestyles that the Bible calls sinful. While compassion is important, it must always be paired with Biblical discernment and truth. How can compassion without discernment lead us away from Biblical truth?
 - Are there times when compassion is misused to excuse sin or avoid hard conversations? How can we discern and resist this?
 - What does it look like to show compassion while still calling people repentance and faithfulness to Christ?

- Jezebel is leading people astray through false teaching here. In what forms does false teaching show up today in our world?
 - Some today argue that the church has misunderstood key teachings and needs to reform to align with cultural shifts. How do we discern whether such claims are legitimate or lead us away from Biblical truth, as in Thyatira?
 - How can we lovingly confront and correct those who may unintentionally promote such views within the church?
 - While we may gain fresh insights or applications, there are no ‘new revelations’ or ‘breakthroughs’ that change what God has already revealed in his Word. The faith ‘once for all delivered to the saints’ (Jude 3) is complete. What advice would you give someone who believes the church has missed something important in Scripture and is searching for a “breakthrough”?
- How do we balance loving people where they are while speaking the truth of the gospel boldly?
- What is the solution that Jesus lays out in verses 21-25?
 - The passage describes repentance as something that is essential; why is repentance essential and not optional for the Christian?
 - How do “deep things of Satan” today—like false tolerance, relativism, or human-centered theology—threaten our faithfulness to Christ?
 - Why does Jesus not lay any burden on those who avoid these?
 - In verse 25, the measure of faithfulness seems to be holding fast to Jesus. How do we do this? What does this look like?
 - What motivates us to hold fast to Christ in a culture that often opposes Biblical truth?
- What is the promise that Jesus makes in verse 26-29? What is the certain future for the one who does hold fast?

- How does this glorious future enable us to recognize and resist “Jezebel” and her teachings when we encounter them?