Revelation Series: Revelation 2:12-17

Week of February 18th, 2024

<u>Text</u>

Have someone read aloud Revelation 2:12-17.

Like the members of the church at Pergamum, we are surrounded by and sometimes assaulted by an endless stream of lies and false teachings. Just like with Adam and Eve in the Garden, Satan is trying to sow doubt in our minds about absolute truth, which is the Word of God. Jesus tells us, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." While Satan is saying, "Did God really say ..." We have to choose whether we will trust what God has to say or will fall for the lies of the world. But in order to trust what God says, we have to know what he said.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is something that easily distracts you? Why?
- 2. How does the message to the church at Pergamum relate to the church today?
- 3. How did listening to ungodly influences affect people throughout the Bible? (Example: Numbers 13:26-33)

Have someone read aloud Matthew 4:3-11.

4. How does Jesus model the handling of temptation and false teachings? How should this affect how we handle these things in our lives?

Application Questions

1. How does the world around us try to inundate us with distractions from God and false teachings like the city of Pergamum?



- 2. Why does Jesus respond so strongly to false teachings, and why should we?
- 3. Is there somewhere in your life you may be exposed to ungodly influences and teachings that you need to cut off?

Have someone read aloud 2 Timothy 2:15 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

4. What role does the Word of God currently play in your life? How would you like to see that change in the future?

Prayer

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- 1. Pray for pastors and teachers in our community and worldwide that they would stand firmly on the Word of God.
- 2. Pray that through the Word of God, we will be able to discern between the lies of this world and God's truth.

<u>Additional Resources and Information</u>

Here are some additional resources for this week's topics and texts.

Resources for Reading the Bible

If you or someone you know has been struggling to engage with the Word of God in their life intentionally, check out one of our Bible reading plans linked below to help you develop your game plan for growing in God's Word.

F260 Reading Plan NT260 Reading Plan OT260 Reading Plan

More Resources on Revelation

Linked below are additional resources for diving deeper into your study of the Book of Revelation.

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