

SERMON OUTLINE

In Revelation 2:18-29 Jesus addresses the church at Thyatira with 6 authoritative statements

- I. I am the Son of God (v. 18).
- II. I know your works, and they are increasing (v. 19)!
- III. I have this against you . . . (vs. 20-21)
- IV. I will come as judge (vs.22-23).
- V. I exhort you to remain faithful (vs. 24-25).
- VI. I will bless the conquerors (vs. 26-29).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, May 20, 2018

Passage: Revelation 2:18-29

Memory Passage: Revelation 2:19

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 2:18-29.** Compare and contrast the messages to Thyatira and Ephesus and record your observations.
- (b) What similarities do you see between the messages to Thyatira and Pergamum?
- (c) Why does Christ use this particular self-identification when He speaks to the church at Thyatira?
- (d) What might the works of Thyatira (love, faith, service, patient endurance) have looked like to other Thyatirans?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Kgs, 18:1-19, 19:1-2, 21:1-29, & 2 Kgs. 9:1-37.** Record what you learn about the OT woman Jezebel.
- (b) **Read Rev. 2:18-29.** What does Thyatira's false prophetess do (v. 20) and why does Christ call her Jezebel?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 2:18-29.** Because of her refusal to repent (v. 19), with what judgment does Christ threaten her?
- (b) What "works" must "those who commit adultery with her" stop doing in order to avoid judgment?
- (c) Are "her children" physical or spiritual children, and is their promised "death" spiritual or physical?
- (d) **Read Jer. 17:1-13 (noting context of v. 10), Ps. 7:6-11, 26:1-3.** What do you learn about God in these passages, and how does this help you understand this aspect of God's character as it applies to the church in Thyatira?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 2:18-29.** What distinguishes "the rest of" those in Thyatira from Jezebel's associates?
- (b) Explain the phrases "deep things of Satan" and "I do not lay on you any other burden."
- (c) **Read Psalm 2 (taking note of vs. 9-10), Luke 22:28-30, & 2 Cor. 6:2.** Explain vs. 26-28 in light of these passages.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Rev. 2:18-29.** The following application questions are taken from G. K. Beale with David H. Campbell, *Revelation: A Shorter Commentary* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2015) 77. Be ready to discuss them on Sunday!
- (b) What practices or social norms exist in our culture that place churches under pressure to conform and compromise? Are there false teachers today who lead churches astray under the guise of a need to make the gospel more palatable to the world or to help Christians get along better in dealing with the world in their own situation (e.g. in workplaces)?
- (c) How do we reconcile this picture of Christ (as judge) with what we know of His infinite grace and mercy? Have we lost sight of the holiness of God because of preoccupation with the mercy of God?
- (d) Do we focus on God's mercy because we are involved in compromise and would prefer to believe He will tolerate our behavior? Is it possible that Christ could come in such judgment of pseudo-believers to local churches today (including BCC)?
- (e) What is the significance of the fact that believers are pictured as overcoming in this life? And what does it mean that so often in Revelation this overcoming is expressed in suffering and even death?

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To Thyatira