

1. Opening

Purpose for Digs and Prayer (1 min)

Digs gather to study, pray, and apply the Word of God to our lives. Our hope is that we would increase in our love for God, love for one another, and tell others about Him (Matt 22:37-40; Matt 28:19-20).

Weekly Christian Formation (5 min)

Question 14* Did God create us unable to keep his law?

Answer: No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Scripture Reference: Romans 3:12

What does this mean? How does it impact our lives?

Recap (5 min)

Recap the last time your Dig Group gathered. How did you apply God's Word over the last week(s)?

2. Bible Study September 21 (30-45 minutes)

- *Read the passage aloud together.
- *Pray for God's wisdom to rightly understand the passage.

Scripture Reference: Revelation 2:18-29

1. Like all the other addresses to the churches, the address to Thyatira opens with a reflection of the vision of the glorified Christ (Rev 1:14-15). Why do you think that these aspects of the glorified Jesus are particularly relevant to Thyatira?

- 2. In what ways is the church in Thyatira doing a great job? (v.19)
- 3. In what ways is the church in Thyatira sinning? (v.20)
- 4. The teacher and seducer of sin is called "Jezebel". Who is Jezebel in the Old Testament? (starting in 1 Kings 16:31). What is the significance of calling the person in Thyatira "Jezebel"?
- 5. In what ways has the church today tolerated false teachings that are seducing Christians away from truth?
- 6. The church in Thyatira's sin was tolerating false teaching. Rather than tolerating it, what should they have done?
- 7. For those not deceived by the teaching, God did not lay on them "any other burden" in addition to not tolerating the false teaching, except that they "hold fast". As we have seen thus far, the churches are faced with great persecution and false teachers. How do you think the church is to hold fast? (Remember the content of Rev 1 and Rev 4-5.)
- 8. In what ways do you need to hold fast to your faith in Christ and repent from sin you've tolerated?

3. Confession and Prayer (30-45 minutes)

Prayer: Reserve plenty of time to pray for one another.

Prayer Challenge: Pray that God would provide opportunities

**Weekly Christian Formation Questions are taken from the New City Catechism