

Message Based Questions 11/15/20

Revelation 2:12-17– Holding On

Icebreaker: What is a dream that was fulfilled that you thought wouldn't happen? What was that experience like for you?

Scriptures: Revelation 2:12-17

To Discuss:

1. Looking back at your notes from the message, was there anything that caught your attention, or challenged or confused you?
2. Read Revelation 2:12-17. What did Jesus say positively about the Pergamum church? Who do you know that displays those same qualities?
3. In this letter Jesus calls out the church in Pergamum for blending into culture. What are some harmful or helpful ways that you see Christians blending into culture today?
4. We can all struggle with adding to our beliefs (“Jesus and _____”) without realizing it.
 - a. What do you see Christ followers holding onto in their faith, plus Jesus?
 - b. What is something you are tempted to add to your faith?
 - c. When the things of this world are clamoring for your attention, what do you find helpful in keeping Jesus your first priority and sole focus?
5. Read verses 12 and 16 again, which refer to Jesus with a sword. What thoughts or feelings do these descriptions invoke in you? Look at Hebrews 4:12. When is a time in your life you found the Bible, as described in this verse, convicting you to change?
6. Pastor Rick said the #1 need of the seven churches in Revelation--and for us today--is a better understanding of who Jesus is. How can we know Him better? How can we trust Him more fully?
7. Look again at Revelation 2:17. What is the invitation in this verse? What do we learn about Jesus and His victory and provision for us? For further encouragement look up Romans 8:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; and Ephesians 2:6-7.
8. What is one thing you learned as a result of studying this passage or participating in this discussion? How can your group pray for you as you make this truth a part of your life?

Close in a time of prayer, asking that God's kindness would lead us to repentance and that we as a church would turn back to fully trust and follow Jesus (not Jesus and something else).