

A. SERMON SLIDES

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Pergamum Church: Return To Truth
Revelation 2:12-17

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Revelation 2:12-17 (ESV)

“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

B. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Revelation 2:12-17. Pretend that you exist in this day in this church at Pergamum. What are you experiencing every day. How are you dealing with the culture around you? How do you receive this letter? Do you feel chastised or encouraged, or something else?
2. Explain how different it is to stand for the Truth when it is being attacked from outside of the community, and when it (the truth) is being challenged inside a relationship of love and/or covenant.
3. So how does Satan incorporate the "teaching of Balaam"? What was that, and how would it work in our own culture?

4. Talk about and explain these three "gifts" from Jesus:

a) Hidden Manna

b) White Stone

c) New Name

5. Pray for our church, God's people. Pray that we stand for Truth in our homes, and in our work and lives. Pray for our leadership. Pray for our groups and our marriages, and our single and young people.