



**“Remain true to my name”**

**June 4, 2023**

Revelation 2:12-17

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Revelation 2:12-17*

1. Jesus makes two references in this first paragraph (verse 13) to Pergamum being “where Satan lives.” What do you recall learning about this city that may allude to it being an evil, pagan city—a.k.a. “Satan’s home”?
2. For a city with this kind of pagan cultural influence, what do you imagine the environment for Jesus-worshipping Christians must have been?
3. How does fear influence our own Christian witness today in our day-to-day lives?
4. An easy application to battle these fears is to pray... to fight hard in prayer (Eph. 6:11, 18). How can you amplify your prayer life this week?
5. Summarize the teaching of Balaam (vs. 14). (You may want to go back and skim Numbers 22-25. Also reference 2 Peter 2:13-16).
6. How does false teaching and idolatry tend to seep into the church? How do we help keep this from happening? (For one example, see Gal. 1:6-10.)
7. What are a few New Testament verses that clearly say the way of Jesus is the way of truth?
8. In order to combat false teaching, we need to know the Word of God well (2 Tim. 4:3-5)! How can you amplify your “biblical engagement” this week? (Maybe jump back into our 365 Reading Plan?)
9. What does it look like, practically, to “trust Jesus” for the most stressful situation in your own life currently? (Take some time on this one.)
10. Read John 8:31-32. How does the truth of the gospel set us free?
11. Read Revelation 2:17. What does the white stone represent?
12. In reference to the “hidden manna,” look up John 6:48-51. “I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died. But... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” Rest in the truth of God’s Word today!
13. **Challenge: Memorize John 8:31b-32:** “Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”