



## The Cost of Compromise

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Revelation 2:18-29

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Revelation 2:18-29*

1. Icebreaker: Look up the definitions of compromise. When is compromise good? When can compromise be bad?
2. How was the church in Thyatira being pulled toward spiritual compromise? (See Revelation 2:20.) Why is this so dangerous?
3. Here's how the nature of spiritual compromise was explained in the message: Spiritual compromise can start to happen when you ignore or grow indifferent toward that which is essential to the Christian faith. Now reflect on any or all of these sub-questions, based on this definition:
  - What stands out to you about this definition?
  - Is there anything you'd add?
  - What other questions does this definition bring up that you want to discuss?
4. What is the cost (or consequence) of compromise that you see in Revelation 2:21-23?
5. Imagine you were asked by a friend to explain how the truth of Jesus's love lines up with what we read here about Jesus's discipline and judgment. What would you say?
6. In Revelation 2:21, we see that repentance is one "cure" for spiritual compromise. What does it mean to repent? And how is this summons to repentance a display of God's grace? (See also 1 John 1:9.)
7. Revelation 2:25 brings up a preventative cure for spiritual compromise: "holding on" or "holding fast" to what you have. What is it that Jesus is calling the church to hold onto here? (Hint: See Hebrews 12:1-3.)
8. What does it look like, practically speaking, to "hold fast" to Jesus Christ and the truths of the gospel? What steps can you take to increase your "grip strength"?
9. What other questions or comments do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
10. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
11. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?