



Faithfulness Through Affliction

May 28, 2023

Revelation 2:8-11

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read Revelation 2:8-11*

1. Can you share about a time in your life when you were going through a difficult situation, and you saw God working in your favor?
2. Jesus introduces Himself in verse 8 as the one who died and came to life again. How does that give you hope today as a follower of Christ?
3. We see in verse 9 that Smyrna is a church marked by affliction, poverty, and persecution. In your personal life, how do you normally respond when you find yourself in difficulty?
4. In verse 10 the church of Smyrna is commanded by Jesus not to fear, how can that become a reality in the life of every believer? What verses in the Bible do you remember about living without fear?
5. The church of Smyrna suffered persecution because of their faith in Jesus. How is the church of Jesus still being persecuted today in America and the rest of the world?
6. We also see in verse 10 that we are encouraged to be faithful even amid afflictions. How is that a possibility in the life of an ordinary follower of Jesus?
7. What are some everyday examples of areas in your life where you are challenged with the choice of either denying or following Jesus?
8. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
9. **Challenge: Memorize Revelation 2:10b** "Be faithful, even to the point of death and I will give you the crown of life."