

Love Letter to the Church

SMYRNA REVELATION 2: 8-11

WEEK

## Before the bible study,

- READ Revelation 2: 1-7
- Please watch/listen to last Sunday's message (Love Letters to the Church-Week 1). You can watch it on Youtube or at www.fgcag.com/media.

What's one thing about this week's message that stood out to you as something you needed to hear OR a question you had about the message?



MAIN POINTS FROM LAST WEEK'S SERMON We see that ...

- PERSECUTION MAKES US RICHER
- PERSECUTION MAKES US STRONGER

But when we stay true to Jesus ...

• OUR REWARD IS ETERNAL LIFE

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- What difficulties were the believers in Smyrna facing?
- How do the words of the Lord provide great consolation?

Jesus describes himself to the church as "the first and the last, who died and came to life."

- Why would this description be particularly meaningful to the church in Smyrna? *Read Matthew 10:28–33 to help answer the question*.
  - Would Jesus be able to say the same thing about your Christian life?
    - Why?

- What is the difference between tribulation and poverty?
- In what way is a poor believer rich?
  - How could you use this principle to encourage those who are facing financial hardship?
- What is the devil's goal in seeking to throw believers into prison?

## LIVING IT OUT SECTION

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS & RIGHT THEM DOWN

- In which area of life do you feel pressure to compromise?
  - Where does that pressure come from?
- How do you feel led to respond to this week's message and text?

This week focus on the steps of obedience you feel the Spirit is asking you to take.

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