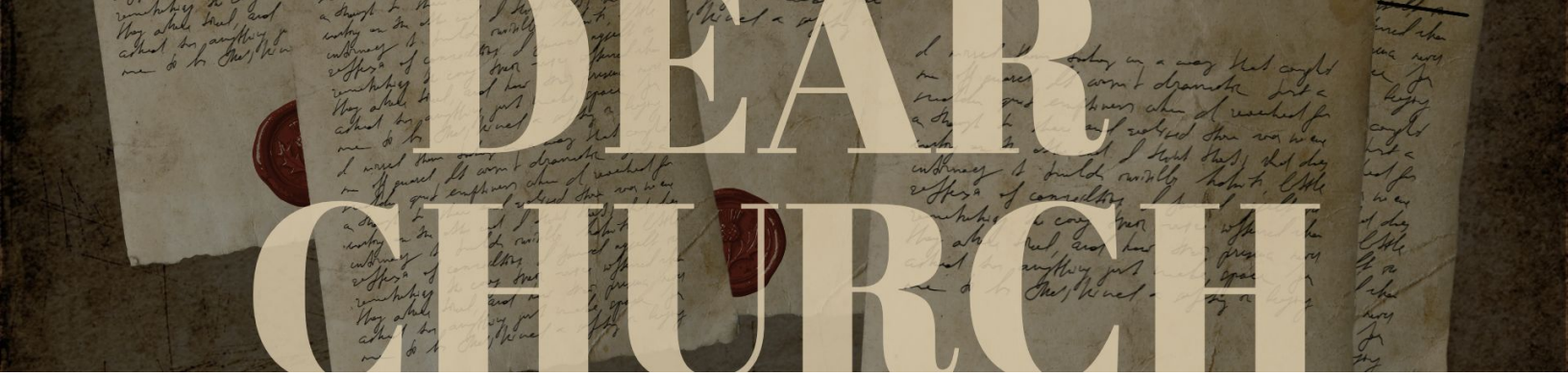


Discussion Questions 11/8/26

Dear Thyatira

Intro: The church in Thyatira was commended for its love, faith, service, and perseverance, but it had allowed the worship of the surrounding culture to become intertwined with its worship of God. Jesus calls the church to repentance, reminding them that he is both merciful and just, and that faithfulness to him requires rejecting the false promises of the world. Ultimately, overcoming isn't about discovering some secret knowledge or striving harder. It is about placing our believing loyalty in Jesus, trusting that he has already overcome and invited us to share in his victory.

Story: Share a time that you struggled to live out the difference between Christianity and culture.

Read: Revelation 2:18-29

1. Why do you think compromise is often easier to recognize in someone else's life than in our own?

2. The church in Thyatira wasn't necessarily abandoning Jesus; they were adding other gods to their worship. What are some ways we might be tempted to do the same thing today?

3. Think about things like money, success, busyness, status, or the expectations of others. Where is it hardest to remain faithful to Jesus?

4. Read 1 Kings 21. Ahab is called the most evil king of Israel, but notice that verse 25 points out how all the evil was urged on by his wife, Jezebel. In same way, Jezebel in this letter was urging the followers of Jesus to adopt wicked practices of the pagans. How can we be welcoming and loving as Christians, but discerning of those in the church who might try to encourage us into practices opposed to Jesus?

5. Who is someone in your oikos who needs to hear about the hope and victory we have in Jesus? What is one intentional step you can take this week to share that hope with them, whether through a conversation, an invitation, an act of kindness, or prayer?

Pray:
- For your oikos.
- For your endurance.
- Against the temptations of this world.