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## **Yours Truly, Jesus: Week 5, *The Church in Thyatira***

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### ***Small Group Discussion Questions***

#### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.  
Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

#### **Scripture Reading**

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

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#### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

**Take some time to look up and read Revelation 2:18-29**

1. How is Christ portrayed/described in this passage?
2. How is the church in Thyatira portrayed/described in this passage?
3. What prescription or “action step” is given to this church?
4. What will be the result of obedience?

#### **Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

***Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

5. Thyatira was a working man’s town, with many trade guilds for cloth making, dyeing, and pottery. The city was basically secular, with no focus on any particular religion.
  - What words would you use to describe your city?
  - What unique opportunities for love, faith, and acts of service are available to your church because of where it is located?
6. A woman in the church in Thyatira was teaching that immorality was not a serious matter for believers. Her name may have been Jezebel, or John may have used the name Jezebel to symbolize the kind of evil she was promoting. This is spiritual “pretense,” attempting to make something that is not the case appear true.
  - Where is the modern church at risk of spiritual pretense?
  - What is the danger?
7. Where can it be tempting for Christians to be more concerned about selfish pleasure and freedom than about the needs and concerns of other believers?

#### **Surrender: Responding to God’s voice.**

8. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**\*\* Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today \*\***

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**We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!  
Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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