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## **Yours Truly, Jesus: Week 4, *The Big Picture* (Pergamum)**

Scott Merriner, January 24, 2021

### ***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 2:12-17**

1. How is Christ portrayed/described in this passage?
2. How is the church in Pergamum portrayed/described in this passage?
3. What prescription or “action step” is given to this church?

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

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

4. Pergamum was called the city “where Satan has his throne.” Surrounded by worship of Satan and the Roman emperor as god, the church at Pergamum refused to renounce their faith, even when someone was martyred. What pressures and temptations of society threaten Christian faith?
5. There is room for differences of opinion among Christians in some areas, but there is no room for heresy and moral impurity. There is tension between bowing to pressure and being open-minded. What values, actions, or boundaries are helpful when discussing, debating, and thinking through differences of opinion among Christians, our brothers and sisters in Christ?
6. It is not completely clear what “hidden manna” is referring to in this passage, but it suggests spiritual nourishment that satisfies. Describe spiritual nourishment. Are you nourished?

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

7. 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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