

SPEAK AND WE WILL

# LISTEN

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

## PART 3 - REVIVAL IS OVERCOMING TESTING BY TRUSTING IN GOD

REVELATION 2:8-11

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### MESSAGE NOTES

### SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

*These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group*

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?
2. What are the strengths of the Church in Smyrna? What are the weaknesses? What are the commands? What are the rewards?
3. How does Jesus define “rich” and “poor” in this passage? How does that compare to common definitions today? How does Jesus’ encouragement to Smyrna challenge the idea that God’s blessing always looks like comfort and success?
4. We said, “Faithfulness is not proven by ease, but by endurance.” What does this passage teach us about the relationship between faithfulness and suffering? What does this letter reveal about the kind of faith Jesus values most?
5. What fears most often shape your decisions: fear of loss, fear of rejection, fear of discomfort? How does Jesus’ promise of life beyond death speak into your current anxieties, trials, tests, or struggles?
6. If Jesus were to write a letter to our church today, what encouragement might He offer—and what endurance might He call us to? Do you think He would find us faithful? Why?

**God, as a member of Your Church, give me ears to listen to what You have to say to me. Help me trust in You, even when the testing becomes hard. Empower me to live with zeal for the Gospel and to find my strength to overcome in You, not in the comforts and conveniences of this world. In Jesus’ Name, amen.**