

SERMON SERIES: I Love My Church

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Key Line

Jesus calls us to move past our pain with a fearless faith.

Introduction

What have the members of your group heard from God this past week?

How are you doing in remembering Him as your first love?

Seek the Word

Read Revelation 2:8-11

- What did you learn about Jesus? How does He describe Himself?
- What did you learn about the church at Smyrna?
 - What is their situation?
 - What does Jesus ask them to do?
- What will the reward be for those who overcome?
 - Here are cross references on second death if your group would like to know more.
 - *Revelation 20:14b - This is the second death, the lake of fire.*
 - *Revelation 21:8 - But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone which is the second death.*

Talk About It

- How can you be rich and poor at the same time?
 - What do you think Jesus meant by this?
- How can we as Christ followers today be poor yet rich?
- How does it feel to endure suffering and yet feel blessed or rich?
- What can you do to be people who draw near to God during suffering?
- What is the danger with drawing away from Him at times of endurance?
- What does faith have to do with enduring pain and suffering?
 - Read James 1:2-4
 - What is the pattern that Scott mentioned in approaching this passage?
 - Can you have the result without the process?
- Read Revelation 12:10 and discuss how we overcome the accuser.
- Are you willing to lose your life?
- Have you made peace with death because of Jesus?
- Do you trust him with your life?

Pray in your groups to have hearts to know where you stand in regard to death. And being able to like Him in the example He set for us.