



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/24/25

Opener (10 minutes or less)

What's the most unusual item in your refrigerator right now?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:12-17

Questions:

1. Jesus introduces himself to the church in Pergamum as the one "who has the sharp two-edged sword." Why do you think Jesus chose this specific image for a church living in a city described as "where Satan's throne is"?
2. What might be a modern-day equivalent of a "throne of Satan" in our world?
3. How can a church be both faithful and compromised at the same time?
4. How does false teaching act as a "stumbling block" in a believer's life? What are some modern-day "teachings of Balaam" that might subtly lead believers astray?
5. What are steps a church should take to turn away from tolerating sin or false teaching within its community?
6. What does it mean for Jesus to make war with the "sword of his mouth" What does this mean for those who refuse to repent?
7. "the hidden manna" and a "white stone, with a new name written on the stone." What do you think these symbols mean? How does the promise of a new, private name relate to a person's identity and victory in Christ?

PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Revelation 2:12-17

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword.

13 “‘I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. **14** But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. **15** So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. **16** Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. **17** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’