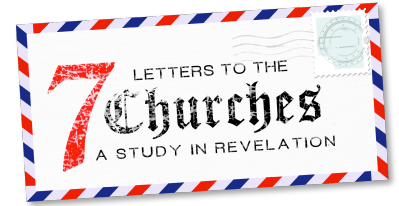


# Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, May 24, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to Pergamum, Jesus reveals himself as the ultimate Judge over life and death, commends the church for her faithfulness amidst cultural idolatry, chastises them for tolerating paganism, calls them to repentance, and offers eternal life to those who endure.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Describe the basic structure or pattern of the letters. What does the text indicate about the cultural and geopolitical context of Pergamum?
- How does Jesus reveal himself to the church? Explain how it serves as an encouragement and warning. Does this passage encourage you to remain faithful?
- What commendation does he give to the church? What does it mean to “hold fast to Jesus’ name”?

What are the “costs” of enduring as Jesus’ faithful witness? How do we live as faithful witnesses in our circumstances and cultural context?

- How does Jesus rebuke them? What pertinent Old Testament account did Jesus use to illustrate their present condition (verse 14; Numbers 22)? How had they compromised themselves into worldliness? In what way(s) are you tempted to compromise your faith?
- What is Jesus’ urgent command to the church? What reward does Jesus promise to those who remain faithful (conquer)? What do the “hidden mana” and “white stone” symbolize (John 6)?
- What new name/status does Jesus grant to all those who remain to him?