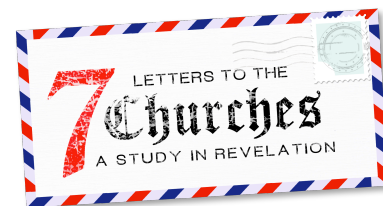


Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, May 31, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to the church at Thyatira, Jesus reasserts his superior might and authority, praises their faith and good deeds, rebukes their toleration of sexual immorality and false theology, exhorts them to hold fast, and assures them of their eternal reward.

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

- What does the text indicate about the cultural and geopolitical context of Thyatira?
- Why do you think Jesus changes his title from Son of Man (1:13) to Son of God (verse 18)? Explain what he means by this title and his description of flaming eyes and bronze feet? Does this change your perception of Jesus? How do these descriptions compare to the false gods (idols) of our society?
- For what does he praise the church? Explain how the gospel must be the foundation of identity, our faith, and our good works.
- For what pervasive sin(s) does Jesus rebuke them? Who had they tolerated?
- What grace does Jesus extend to Jezebel and her followers? When confronted with your sin, how do you respond?
- What's the distinction Jesus makes between those who commit adultery with Jezebel and "her children"?
- From what burden does Jesus spare his faithful people at Thyatira, and what does he charge them to do?
- How can we "hold fast" to Christ until he returns (Philippians 4:13)? What assurance does Jesus promise to those who remain loyal to him (verse 28; Revelation 22:16)?