

THE BOOK OF

REVELATION

UNTIL HE COMES

REVELATION 2:18-29

GROUP RESOURCE

OVERVIEW SERMON SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION PRAYER

OVERVIEW

It's no mystery that the book of Revelation can feel intimidating and confusing. A simplified understanding of Revelation is this, how could the Christians in the first century remain faithful to Jesus even when faced with persecution and death?

Hope. Hope in what? Hope in Jesus. The book of Revelation helps Christians stand firm because we know how it ends, that Jesus will be victorious in the end. The book of Revelation provides the perfect end to the Bibles grand story of God and humanity.

SERMON

THYATIRA CHURCH: HEALTHY INTOLERANCE

- 1. How have you defined tolerance?
- 2. How is standing and staying with Jesus Healthy Intolerance
- 3. If our character is formed by what we allow just as much as what we do, what is one thing that you allowing that is corrupting you character?

SCRIPTURE

REVELATION 2:18-29 ESV

¹⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹ " 'I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰ But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²² Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴ But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵ Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷ and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

DISCUSSION

- 1. Jesus encourages the church in v. 19 then brings a blind spot to their attention in v. 20. How do you know if you have a blind spot?
- 2. How do we "hold fast" (v.25) to Jesus in the midst of a sexually immoral world?
- 3. What does this passage teach you about Jesus?

PRAYER

Take time to pray over peoples needs

GUIDED CLOSING PRAYER:

Jesus, reveal to us where we have allowed tolerance to corrupt our faithfulness to You and our character.

We repent of where we have allowed corrupt teaching to embed itself in our lives.

Remind us of your goodness and faithfulness.

Amen.