

Revelation Chapters 2-3 Fall #4- September 25, 2022

My Story Questions

These questions/activities help the group know one another and transition to deeper discussion. Choose one. OR....You might start each meeting with one person sharing highlights of their story for 5-8 minutes.

- 1) It is Football season! Of what teams are you a fan? What type of teams have you been a part of in the past?
- 2) What has been your church background? Of what different denominations have you been a part?
(Remember to speak positively about past church experiences. No church is perfect. We are not divisive.)

Study Questions

These are meant for personal preparation and group discussion. Use all or pick a few to discuss.

1) Read Revelation 2: 1-7 What encouragement and what correction did Jesus give the church in Ephesus? How could those words apply to you?

2) Where do you sometimes serve out of duty rather than love? Have your group pray for you.

3)Read Revelation 2:8-11 How is the Lord's description of himself to the church in Smyrna an encouragement to folks under persecution? How does it encourage you in your hardships?

4) Read Revelation 2:12-17 What qualities, positive or negative, spoken about Pergamum also describe you?

5) What false teaching can be a danger to believers today?

6) Read Revelation 2:18-29. Jesus encourages and corrects those he loves. Which words spoken to Thyatira might Jesus also be speaking to you?

7) In what areas of your life have you seen the Lord transform you as you apply His Word?

8) Read Revelation 3:1-6 What was the warning to Sardis? To what areas of your life might this warning apply, and how will you ask God to help you?

9)Read Revelation 3:7-13 What specific qualities in the church at Philadelphia did the Lord honor?

10) What rewards were promised to those who overcame and which do you find most motivating? Were there rewards spoken to the other churches that stand out to you?

11)Read Revelation 3:14-22 Upon what did the church at **Laodicea** rest its hope instead of Jesus?

12) How can you keep your faith from being lukewarm?

13) How do these words to the Churches change the way you pray for Two Rivers? Local churches? Your friends and family?

14) What commendations or corrections for the churches most apply to you at this time in your life?

Responding to Jesus

Offer these questions for personal reflection before your group prayer time.

- 1) Lord, How would you like me to pray differently for my Church in light of what I learned this week?
- 2) Lord, Where is the global church facing persecution? Which words from these chapters can I pray?

For Further study

Suggested resources: Christ-centered Exposition commentary - Revelation - by Daniel L. Akin