



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: To the Church: Pergamum

Scripture: Revelation 2:12-17

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1. The book of Revelation tells us, “Bless is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written” (Revelation 1:1-3) because “these words are trustworthy and true” (Revelation 22:6-7). Let’s take a moment to read these verses aloud together.
2. Jesus says, “the words of him who has the sharp-two edged word” (Revelation 2:12). This phrase was introduced in Revelation 1:16. What do you believe this phrase to mean? How do Isaiah 49:2, Hosea 6:5, Hebrews 4:12, and Ephesians 6:17 contribute to our understanding?
3. Pergamum was the official center in Asia for imperial worship. It was the first city in Asia to receive permission to build a temple dedicated to emperor worship. How does this help us understand the words of Jesus in Revelation 2:13?
4. The church in Ephesus resisted false teaching, but lacked love (Revelation 2:1-7). The church in Smyrna endured persecution (Revelation 2:8-11). How is the response in Pergamum different?
5. The Gentile prophet, Balaam, could not curse the people of Israel when they migrated through the wilderness, so he encouraged Moab’s king to seduce, indulge, and entice them (Numbers 22-25). Why is Balaam used as an example in Revelation 2:14?
6. “If the devil cannot turn your life, he will turn your attention.” While we may not be turned away by food sacrificed to idols or sexual immorality at festivals, we can be turned away by many things. Many sociologists say that we are the most distracted generation in history. How do you believe the devil turns the attention of believers today? How would Jesus encourage us to guard ourselves?
7. The phrase, “stumbling block” (Revelation 2:14; Romans 14:13; 2 Corinthians 8:9) can be used often with Christianity. Do you understand the meaning of the phrase? What do Romans 14 and 2 Corinthians 8 mean by the use of this phrase?
8. The teachings of Balaam and the Nicolaitans can best be described as “accommodation.” Rather than being ostracized by society, they chose a peaceful existence with the Roman empire. Why did Jesus respond in the way that He did (Revelation 2:16)?
9. What are the three things promised “to the one who conquers” in Revelation 2:17? What is the significance and meaning of each?
10. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 2:17.) What do you believe that the Spirit is saying to you? Do you believe God is also saying something to us? Harbor Trinity Church?