

Letters to the Church - Week 4

Scripture Passage: Revelation 2:12-17

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1. There is a lot of imagery in this passage that would make sense to the church in Pergamum but not be as easily understandable to us today. What do you remember from Sunday's message about some of this imagery and what it means?
2. While the church in Pergamum had very visible pagan practices in their city, the false gods in our culture tend to blend in a bit more. What idols in our culture do you think Americans are devoted to in ways that lead them away from the true God?
3. Read 2:16 again. How do you think the church in Pergamum would have taken what Jesus says here?
4. What do you think repentance for this church would look like?
5. Thinking back on question #3, what do you think repentance should look like for American Christians that are following false teaching or false gods?
6. New name, white stone, hidden manna, all of these indicate some sort of identity and blessing that comes from remaining in Christ. The point is to remind the church about what awaits them if they hold to what is good and true. In a pagan culture how can we remind each other to follow Jesus and keep our eyes locked onto his promises?

Reflect:

Take a quick inventory of where you stand on issues like immigration, abortion, and sexual ethics, and be honest about how you came to that conclusion. Did you reach it through the love and truth of the Bible or have you been indoctrinated by a group identity that's outside of Christ?