

Letters to the Church - Week 5

Scripture Passage: Revelation 2:18-29

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1. Like a couple of the previous letters this church is doing some things well but there is also a problem. What is your initial reaction when you hear Jesus speaking to the problem (v. 20-23)?
2. Jezebel may be the actual name of someone or simply symbolic (see 1 Kings 16:31-33) of someone who is corrupting the church. Have you ever heard any type of false teaching that would lead people to believe something that isn't compatible with the ways of Jesus? What has been the result of this teaching?
3. While Jesus words may sound harsh where do you also see his grace toward Jezebel?
4. What are some of the reasons we would avoid addressing obvious, unrepentant sin in our church family?
5. Pastor Andrew referenced Matthew 18:15-17 in his message. Read that passage and discuss the why and how of addressing sin within the church family.
 - a. Why is it important?
 - b. How does Jesus lay out that we are to do it?

Reflect:

When Jesus says he will strike the children of Jezebel dead, some commentators believe that to mean those who are following her teaching. Either way, this illustrates where false teaching leads. What false teaching have you tolerated in your life? This could look like justifying your own sin or the sins of others. Ask Jesus to reveal that to you and then repent and ask him to transform your thinking.