

A Call to Repent (2/2/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: Pergamum was notorious in Asia Minor as a hotbed of idol worship and immorality. It was filled with temples to Greek and other gods and all the questionable practices that came with them. The third letter from the Lord Jesus first recognizes the challenge of living in such a place but then calls for diligent, sincere repentance. I expect if the believers in Pergamum paid a visit to Tampa they would be shocked at the state of things here. So what is King Jesus trying to say to us this week?

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

The Words of Jesus Expose and Divide:

- Confirm Correct **Beliefs** through **Scripture** (v. 12-13; Job 38:4-5)
- Correct Questionable **Behavior** through Repentance (v. 14-16; Num. 22-25)
- A Call to **Integrity** and Endurance (v. 17; Matt. 7:1-5; Rom. 10:9-10)

“And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Then another book was opened, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, according to what they had done... Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.” Revelation 20:12-15

Get Started:

1. Share about a time you were lost. How did you realize you were lost?
2. What did you have to do? How did it work out?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 2:12-17. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How is Jesus introduced and described in v. 12? Why do you think that is significant?
5. What does Jesus affirm about the church in Pergamum (v. 13)?
6. What does Jesus have against this church (v. 14-15)?
7. What is the direct exhortation of Jesus here (v. 16)?
8. What do you think the promises in v. 17 mean?

Move Forward: (Consider breaking into small, same-gender groups of 3-4 for this part)

9. What do you think Jesus would affirm in your life right now? How has the Holy Spirit encouraged you recently?
10. Is there an issue or part of your life the Holy Spirit has been showing you recently that needs to change? How is the Lord calling you to repent?
11. What are you struggling with and how can we pray for you?
12. Is there someone in your life you feel led to meet with to help them see and respond to a problem or sin issue? What do you think is the best way to approach that?
13. Pray for each other.