

Hold Fast (2/9/25)

Discussion Questions

Summary: Thyatira was a faithful, loving, hard-working congregation. However, they chose to avoid confrontation with a false teacher who was leading people astray. They tolerated “Jezebel” (see 1 Kings 16-21). Jesus confronted the sins of this false teacher but also the church that allowed her to remain among them. How can we protect our holiness? First, we must focus on Jesus. Second, we must maintain high standards of doctrinal and moral purity. And third, we must find our hope in the imminent return of our Lord. Ask the all-seeing Judge, King Jesus, to show you where your heart has compromised and to call you back to His healing grace!

“There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. He acted very abominably in going after idols, as the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the people of Israel.” 1 Kings 21:25-26

How to Protect our Holiness:

1. Focus on Jesus, the all-seeing, all-righteous **Judge** (v. 18-19, 23; Dan. 10:5-6)
2. Fight for high standards of **Purity** and devotion, **Together** (v. 20-24; Prov. 5:1-12)
3. Find hope in Christ’s return and everlasting **Reward** (v. 25-29)

“But to the rest of you in Thyatira who do not hold this teaching... to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. Only hold fast what you have until I come.” Revelation 2:24-25

Get Started:

1. How do you do when you are sick? Are you a power through and keep going person or a let the world stop type?
2. How do you handle conflict? Do you tend to take things head on or do you prefer to avoid conflict as much as possible?

Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 2:18-29. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How is Jesus introduced and described in v. 18? Why do you think that is significant?
5. What does Jesus affirm about the church in Thyatira (v. 19)?
6. What does Jesus confront in this church (v. 20-24)? What does this extended confrontation communicate to us?
7. What does v. 25 mean as an exhortation? (See Philippians 3:12-16)
8. How do the promises in vv. 26-28 encourage you? (See Psalm 2)

Move Forward:

9. What are the voices of Jezebel in our culture right now?
10. Read Eph. 5:3-7. Why is Paul so urgent about these issues? How does he exhort the church?
11. Is there something or someone you need to confront this week? (Share only what is appropriate for the group; be sure not to confess the sins of anyone but yourself.)
12. How can we pray for you today?