



Life Group
Discussion
Guide

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*Living the Vision
of Revelation*



Sermon Summary: This week's sermon speaks to our truest loyalty. It would be rare for most of us to have ever faced a moment where we were forced to denounce our faith or die. But we live in a culture where it is safe to be Christian and we can find Jesus in our lane and our lifestyle, where we create an image of Jesus that is easy to be loyal to, one that doesn't demand anything of us. But Revelation forces us to ask what in our life actually has our allegiance. In chapters 2 – 3, Jesus speaks to seven early churches. He calls out five of them for their competing loyalties. However, He speaks to the church at Smyrna saying they are rich, despite their suffering and poverty as they have remained loyal to Him. In Chapter 12, John tells of the defeat of the dragon through the blood of the Lamb, the word of testimony and perseverance in faith even unto death. Our loyalty will cost us something. Saying Yes to Jesus should be greater than our comfort.

Conversation Starter: Are you an early bird or a night owl? If you had no schedule to keep, would it be different?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, as we discuss this week's sermon, help us to be open to personalizing this message. Help us to see the things in our lives that would take precedence over You, if we let them. Help us to push back on the worldly forces that would claim our allegiance. We pray this in the holy name of Jesus. Amen.

Read Scripture together: Revelation chapters 2 & 3

3-Question Study Method

Use this method to understand the passage.

1. What is the passage about?
2. What do I learn about God?
3. What is the lesson I learn that I can apply to my life?

Discussion Questions:

1. Which of the counterfeit versions of Jesus described in the sermon do you think Christians are most tempted to follow today? Why?
2. Which of the churches in Revelation 2–3 do you think most reflects the challenges facing Christians today?
3. In reading the letters to the seven churches in Asia Minor, what sets Smyrna apart?
4. The sermon spoke of the three things that conquered the dragon. Revelation says believers conquered by "the word of their testimony." What does faithful witness look like in everyday life for someone living in our community?
5. Even though we are not likely to be called to die for our faith, there are pressures in our society that may keep us from being too public about our faith. Where does this happen in your life? How do you deal with these?
6. If we truly remembered that our allegiance is to God, how would our lives be different?
7. How can the church help us to be more comfortable in discussing our faith with others? How can we help each other with this?
8. Is there someone in your life that you feel called to talk with about God – maybe inviting them to church, or to a certain ministry event such as Feed My Starving Children? How might you approach this?
9. The sermon suggested that faithfulness may cost us comfort, reputation, time, money, or opportunities. Which of those costs feels most challenging to you right now?

Memory Verse: Revelation 2: 10b: "Be faithful unto death and I will give you the crown of life." (ESV)

Closing Prayer: Almighty God, there are so many forces in our world that try to claim our allegiance. Help us to remember that You are King of Kings, above all else. Help us to pause and take stock regularly and to renew our commitment to You. Guide us back on your path when we stray, remembering Your faithfulness to us. Amen.