

Small Group Discussion Guide

Revelation 2:18-29 - Faithful Until Jesus Returns



Warm Up

Introduction: A Brief History of Thyatira

Thyatira was the smallest of the seven cities addressed in Revelation 2–3, yet Jesus gave it the longest letter. The city was known for its many **trade guilds**, including workers in textiles, leather, bronze, pottery, and purple dye. Lydia, mentioned in Acts 16:14 as “a seller of purple goods,” was from Thyatira.

For Christians, these trade guilds created spiritual pressure. Guild meetings often included pagan worship, meals dedicated to idols, and immoral practices. Refusing to participate could hurt a person financially or socially. The believers in Thyatira therefore faced a very real question:

How do we remain faithful to Jesus when compromise seems easier and more beneficial?

That same question still speaks to us today.



Know It

1. Keep Growing in Faithful Service - Revelation 2:18–19

Jesus commended the church for their works, love, faith, service, and endurance. He especially noted that their “latter works exceed the first.” They were not simply living on what they had done in the past—they were continuing to grow.

Discussion Questions

1. **What stands out to you most about the qualities Jesus commends in verse 19—works, love, faith, service, or endurance? Why?**
2. **Jesus says their later works were greater than their first. In what area of your walk with Christ would you most like to see continued growth?**
3. **What is one practical way you can serve Jesus or someone else more faithfully this week?**

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2. Refuse to Tolerate Spiritual Compromise - Revelation 2:20–23

Jesus says:

“But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel...”

The issue was not simply that sin existed in Thyatira. The church was allowing false teaching and compromise to continue.

“Jezebel” points back to the Old Testament queen who promoted idolatry and led God's people away from faithfulness to Him.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Why do you think Christians can sometimes recognize compromise but still tolerate it?**
- 2. What are some areas where our culture pressures believers to soften, ignore, or compromise biblical truth?**
- 3. How can we stand firmly for biblical truth while still showing genuine love and grace toward people?**

3. Hold Fast to Truth Until Jesus Comes - Revelation 2:24–29

Jesus tells the faithful believers in Thyatira:

“Only hold fast what you have until I come.”

They did not need a new truth or a secret spiritual experience. They needed to remain faithful to what Christ had already given them.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What do you think it practically means to “hold fast” to your faith in everyday life?**
- 2. What truths from God's Word are especially important for you to hold onto when life becomes difficult or confusing?**
- 3. How should knowing that Jesus is coming again change the way we live, make decisions, and set priorities today?**

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Live It

Closing Challenge

Thyatira reminds us that following Jesus requires more than simply starting well. We are called to:

- **Keep growing in faithful service**
- **Refuse spiritual compromise.**
- **Hold fast to truth until Jesus comes.**

Closing Question

What is one area where God may be calling you to be more faithful this week?



Prayer

Pray for one another to have the courage and strength to hold fast to truth until Jesus comes..