

Seven CHURCHES

Letters to the Early Church for the Ears of Today

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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The Church of Pergamum

In His letter to the church in Pergamum, Jesus commends believers for remaining faithful in a culture that strongly opposed their faith. At the same time, He warns them about compromise: allowing beliefs and behaviors contrary to God's truth to take root in the church. This passage challenges us to honestly examine how the culture around us influences our thinking and living. Jesus calls His followers not only to know the truth but to live it faithfully while finding their deepest satisfaction in Him. As we study this letter together, consider where you may be tempted to compromise and how Jesus invites you to feed on Him more fully.

- **Read Revelation 2:12–17.**
- Jesus tells the church in Pergamum, "I know where you live." Why is it significant that Jesus understands the pressures and challenges His people face? What pressures do Christians face today that are similar to those the church in Pergamum experienced?
- Jesus praises the church for remaining faithful but also confronts them about tolerating false teaching. Why do you think it can be difficult for believers to recognize or address compromise in their own lives and communities?
- The sermon described the temptation to blend faith with the values of the surrounding culture. Where do you see that tension most clearly in our society today? How can Christians remain faithful without becoming isolated from the people around them?
- In what ways have you adopted the beliefs or behaviors that are contrary to the teachings of Scripture?
- What might it mean to feed more consistently on what Jesus offers in your life today?
- Take a moment in group to reflect on a passage of Scripture that grounds you and share it with the group.



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Prayer

Take time together to confess areas where you have compromised, ignored God's truth, or sought satisfaction in things other than Christ. Thank Jesus for His grace, forgiveness, and patience with us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you recognize areas of compromise, strengthen your commitment to God's Word, and deepen your dependence on Jesus as your daily bread.

Practice

Take inventory of what you consume this week, like social media, articles, podcasts, food, etc. How is the Gospel influencing you, and what messages of the world might be influencing you?