

SMALL GROUP GUIDE **OCT 4, 2026**

The Church of Thyatira

In Jesus' message to the church in Thyatira, we find both encouragement and correction. Jesus commends the church for its love, faith, service, perseverance, and continued growth, yet He also confronts them for tolerating false teaching that was leading people away from faithful devotion to Him. This letter reminds us that spiritual growth involves both holding firmly to the truth and resisting influences that can slowly compromise our faith. At the same time, it highlights God's grace, as Jesus repeatedly calls people to repentance before judgment. This passage challenges us to examine our hearts and remain faithful to Christ in a culture that often pressures us to compromise.

- What is one piece of advice or teaching you once believed was true but later discovered was misleading or incorrect?
- Read Revelation 2:18-29. Jesus begins by praising the believers in Thyatira for their love, faith, service, perseverance, and growth (Revelation 2:19). What stands out to you about these affirmations? Why do you think Jesus highlights these qualities before addressing the church's problem?
- What was the danger of tolerating the false teaching symbolized by "Jezebel" (Revelation 2:20-23)? Why do you think Jesus treats false teaching so seriously?
- Jesus repeatedly calls people to "hold on" and remain faithful until He returns (Revelation 2:24-25). What do you think it looks like to hold tightly to the truth of the gospel in today's culture?
- Where do you see pressure in your life to separate your faith from the way you live during the week? How does this passage challenge that tendency?
- Are there any beliefs, voices, influences, or cultural messages that may be subtly shaping your thinking more than Scripture? How can you guard your heart against compromise?
- What false teaching have you ever considered or embraced?
- How can you work to know Christ better today in order to be resilient against false teachings?

Prayer

"Only hold on to what you have until I come… I will also give that one the morning star." — Revelation 2:25, 28 (NIV)

Pray this week for everyone holding on in the dark, including believers in war zones (Iran, Gaza, Ukraine, etc.) heading into winter. Ask that Christ, the Morning Star, would rise in their hearts and in ours.

Practice

Fast one hour a day from using any type of media, including your phone, TV, magazines, etc. Fill the time with prayer and Bible reading. See if God reveals any place where you might have strayed from the Gospel.