

Week 4

Group Discussion Questions - Thyatira

CONNECT

In what area of your life are you unwilling to compromise? Would it be in how you eat, such as only organic? Would it be in the companies you support; only Nike or only Adidas? Maybe you only wear certain colors such as red (UofL) or blue (UK)? What about how you interact with others at work? What about in your walk with Christ? Share your answers with your group.

CONSIDER

Watch this week's Groups video at mynorthside.com/dearchurch. **What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?**

CHRIST

Read Revelation 2:18-29.

Here are some definitions of the word compromise:

- to settle a dispute by mutual concession
- to accept standards that are lower than is desirable

Do you view compromise as a positive or negative word? In what situations might it be good to compromise? In what situations is compromise not acceptable? Explain.

The church at Thyatira is being misled by Jezebel, a self-described prophet whose teachings led people into sexual immorality. However, even with these very serious sins she has committed, Jesus still says in verse 21, *"I have given her time to repent of her immorality."* **What does this tell you about the character of Christ?**

Even though Jesus gave Jezebel time to repent, she did not. Revelation 2:22-23b shows us that Jesus said He will *"cast her on a bed of suffering and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely unless they repent. I will strike her children dead."* Again, we see Jesus providing a way to reconciliation by giving a stern warning of severe consequences if they don't turn from their ways and strong punishment for those who decide not to. **Would you say you have a healthy understanding of the consequences of our sin?**

In verse 23, Jesus says, *"I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works."* **How does your understanding of this change how you live your life? Discuss.**

- Now read James 2:14-26 together as a group. **Does this change your understanding of Revelation 2:23?**

CALLING

In Revelation 2:19, Jesus is pleased with those in the church at Thyatira because of, among other things:

- their deeds,
- their service,
- and doing more than they did at first.

This should be a call to us to show our faith by our deeds, by our service, and by doing even more that we did previously. Our faith is not supposed to be a passive thing where we only receive what God has given us, but should be characterized by giving back by serving your community of faith and serving the community in which you live. You can do this by looking for ways to serve at Northside here: mynorthside.com/serve.

Daily Devotions

Take the time to read the daily devotions associated with this study. Then, to continue with this spiritual habit of daily devotion with God, text JOINGOD to 81411 or use the Study tab in the Northside App to receive devotions on a daily basis moving forward.

Further Study & Reflection

Read *The Great Compromise: How Christians Can Avoid Living on Both Side of the Fence* by Greg Laurie.

Memorize

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV)

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