

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

NO MATTER THE COST | Revelation 2:8-11

「WORSHIP」

How can your discipleship group start with **worship** today?

「WALK」

Spend time **understanding** and **applying** God's Word.

1. REVIEW + UNDERSTAND

Tell the story of a time when following Christ cost you something of yourself.

Read Revelation 2:8-11. How does Christ describe himself in this passage? How is this significant for the church at Smyrna? *(See the following questions.)*

Generally speaking, what is Jesus' primary message to the church in Smyrna?

Specifically, what is Jesus preparing this church for?

2. ASSESS + APPLY

In your mind, what is the purpose of pain, suffering, and trial? What is your theology of suffering for Christ?

At times it can be difficult to accept that God allows pain and suffering. It can be even harder to wrestle with whether or not God caused our pain and discomfort. Do you believe that God is ever the cause of your suffering? Why or why not? *(Scripture is the foundation of specific truth about God. Use His Word as the foundation of your conversation now.)*

We have no promises of "lack of suffering", but we do have a promise of His presense in suffering. How does (has) this play(ed) out in your life?

Are you ready to suffer for Christ? If your faith was tested today, what would the result be?

PRAYERS & APPLICATIONS

5 DAY READING PLAN

Each day answer the questions: What does it **say**? What does it **mean**? How should I **respond**?

DAY 1

Rev. 2-3

DAY 2

Rev. 2:8-11

DAY 3

Rev. 2:8-9

DAY 4

Rev. 2:10-11

DAY 5

Rev. 2-3

WORK

How should this message affect how you **serve one another**?

WITNESS

How should this message affect how you **share the Gospel**?