

The Compromising Church - Pergamum

Revelation 2:12-17

October 29, 2017

Community Group Discussion Questions

PLEASE READ BEFORE LEADING DISCUSSION

- Recommended questions are highlighted in bold, but **select 5 or 6 questions** you think will work best for your group discussion. You likely won't have time to discuss all of the questions so choose which questions you will ask ahead of time and make sure to provide plenty of time to focus on the application questions.
- Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group.
- You may want to print out copies of this document for everyone so they can follow along with the questions as you read them.
- Check out this Facilitation Guide (<http://bit.ly/CGFacilitationGuide>) for tips on leading good discussions.

ICEBREAKER (5-10 Minutes)

1. Share your name and answer the following icebreaker:
 - What is a dream you have had of doing something that probably won't happen?
 - What is a dream that was fulfilled that you thought wouldn't happen? What was that experience like for you?

OPENING THE DISCUSSION (5-10 Minutes)

2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time, or something that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
3. Drew shared that "*small compromises lead to major changes*".
 - How have you seen that truth play out in people's lives, or even your own?

DIGGING DEEPER (10 Minutes)

4. Read Jesus' letter to the church in Pergamum found in Revelation 2:12-17.
 - What part of this letter stands out most to you?
 - In this letter Jesus calls out the church in Pergamum for blending into culture. What are some harmful or helpful ways that you see Christians blending into culture today?
 - Read Verses 12 and 16 again. These verses refer to Jesus with a sword. What thoughts or feelings do these descriptions invoke in you?
5. Read Hebrews 4:12.
 - When is a time in your life you found the Bible, as described in this verse, convicting you to change?
6. Read 1 John 5:19 and 2 Corinthians 4:4.
 - How might knowing that Satan is influencing the world around us impact our faith?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - In what ways have you experienced becoming a new person after deciding to follow Jesus?

APPLYING IT (10-20 Minutes) (You may want to discuss these in prayer time)

8. Drew asked "*In what area in your faith are you compromising?*"
 - How would you answer that question?
9. What is one area in your life where you need to stop straddling the fence and give yourself fully to God?
10. Ask each other in prayer time how you are doing with your personal growth goals.