



Guide

10/08 - Revelation 2:8-11

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
2. Let's read our primary text. John is charged with writing to the angel of the church. Who might this be?
3. What do we know about the city of Smyrna? Does anyone recall anything from the Bible?
4. Verse 9 says that those in Smyrna were poor, but rich? What does this mean?
5. Antisemitism has become somewhat of a buzzword in our culture due to some who have expressed hateful speech. Some have used verse 9 in this text as justification for their hate. How should true Christians view Jewish people?
6. Crowns are mentioned several times in the Bible for those who are faithful. What types of crowns do you recall? What is the purpose of these crowns?
7. Verse 11 mentions a "second death"; what is that?
8. Any closing thoughts concerning this text? What have you learned? How does this text apply to us?

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

HOMEWORK: Meditate on our weekly "Fighter Verse" - Proverbs 31:30. How did last week's verse affect you? Did it cause you to pause or change anything as you progressed through the week?