



# Leader

10/22 - Revelation 2:18-29

## 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?

[Dialogue]

2. Let's read the primary text. Compare and contrast the difference between the church in Ephesus and Thyatira.

Ephesus lacked in their love towards Christ and others, while their desire for true doctrine remained strong. Thyatira lacked in their pursuit of true doctrine, while their love for Christ and others remained strong.

3. What do we know about Thyatira? What was it known for?

Thyatira was a military outpost 40 miles southeast of Pergamos. It was known for commerce in wool, linen, leatherwork, bronze work, and especially purple dye. It was known for feasts and celebrations that often included sexual immorality. This was a city known for worshiping the deities of Apollo, the Sun god and Diana, the fertility goddess.

4. Bible Trivia: What well-known person of the Bible was from Thyatira?

Lydia, seller of purple goods (Acts 16:14).

5. Thyatira was a smaller, less significant city. How did Jesus view Thyatira? What can we learn from the perspective of Jesus?

The city of Thyatira was a smaller, more insignificant city, but Jesus still was very much concerned with their actions and still held them to His standard. The size of the church makes no difference to Jesus. He shows no partiality.

6. Jesus gave "Jezebel" a chance to repent, but she did not. Concerning your own sin, do you have a sense of urgency to confess and repent? Should we delay in doing this according to this passage (and others)?

[Dialogue]

7. The church was marked by tolerance according to Jesus. How can we protect against this individually and collectively?

[Example: #1 - Seek to grow in biblical understanding to be able to discern truth from error, identifying false teaching. #2 - Seek to hold your brothers and sisters in Christ accountable to God's standard for living.]

8. What is the main idea of this passage? How would you condense this into a couple sentences?

The church that tolerates false teaching and corrupt morality will receive judgment, while those who hold fast to the true gospel will receive the ultimate reward.

9. Any closing thoughts concerning this text? What have you learned?

[Dialogue]

## 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" - 1 Corinthians 10:31. How did last week's verse affect you? Did it cause you to pause or change anything as you progressed through the week?

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