

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The Tension

- What parallels do you see between the trade guilds/unions of Thyatira and the pressures we face in today's culture?
- In what areas of life are you tempted to "play the game" in order to fit in, avoid criticism, or protect your reputation?

2. The Praise

- Jesus praises the church in Thyatira for their love, faith, service, and perseverance (v. 19).
 - Where do you see these qualities in our church or in your life right now?
 - Why is it possible to be strong in love and service while still vulnerable to compromise?

3. The Correction

- How do you think the Jezebel-like leader convinced people that compromise was okay?
- What are some modern-day "Jezebel voices" you see influencing Christians? (podcasters, influencers, peers, cultural norms, etc.)
- Which of those voices are most tempting for you personally, and why?

4. The Warning

- Why do you think Jesus' words are so strong against compromise (vv. 21-23)?
- How does tolerating compromise in our own lives or in the church weaken our witness to the world?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, CONT.

5. The Call to Hold On

- Jesus doesn't ask for something new only to "hold on" (vv. 24-25).
 - What does it look like for you to "hold on" to God's truth in today's culture?
 - What spiritual disciplines or practices help you stay anchored?

6. Live it Out

- The sermon asked two questions:
 - Am I tolerating Jezebel voices that scratch my itching ears?
 - In my compromise, have I become Jezebel-like in my influence?
- Which of these two questions is hitting home most for you right now? What step of repentance or faithfulness do you sense God calling you to?

Prayer Focus

- Pray for wisdom and discernment in who to listen to.
- Pray for strength to "hold on" to God's truth admits cultural pressure.
- Pray for empowerment to lead well to those who are in our care.