

WELLSPRING

WORSHIP CENTER

Book of Revelation Part 4 --- Church in Smyrna Reflection Questions 03/17/2024

1. In Revelation 2:8, Jesus says, “These are the words of Him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.” How does this verse show that Jesus is both God and man? What does it mean practically that Jesus is both God and man?
2. In the Roman Empire during the first century, people were required to honor the Roman gods and the emperor in many aspects of life. Name some areas in life where this was true. How did these practices affect the lives of Christians in Smyrna?
3. After a brief intro to each church, Jesus’ words to all seven churches begin with the two words “I know...” Why is it important for us to understand that God knows our situations in life?
4. In Revelation 2:9, Jesus tells the church in Smyrna that they are rich even though they are materially poor. How can we trust that we are rich when all the visible evidence might say otherwise? How do the realities of our daily experiences hinder our ability to see the truth of our riches of Christ?
5. What are you facing right now that is hindering your ability to see that you are rich in Christ?
6. In Revelation 2:9, why does Jesus call the Jewish synagogue in Smyrna, “a synagogue of Satan”?
7. How do you feel about the possibility of someday having to physically die for the sake of following Jesus?
8. What is something that you found encouraging from this message? Is learning about the historical context helpful?
9. What is something that you found challenging from this message?
10. Did you have any additional comments or questions about the sermon or the supporting Biblical texts used?