

Faithful in Discernment
Text: Revelation 2:18-29
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Big Idea: Jesus commands His Word be upheld in His Church, so we must guard it fervently.

Context is key!

Question #1 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What is going on in the text?

- a) What is the setting and what is happening?
- b) Who are the main characters?
- c) Are there any words/phrases that are repeated?

Question #2 (Context)

Ask Yourself: What does the text say about God and about me?

- a) Is God saying or showing something about Himself? If so, what?
- b) Do the words in the text predict, prophesy or picture something about Jesus? If so, what?
- c) Is God saying or showing something about us? If so, what?
- d) How does the text point to my need for Jesus? How?

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Point 1: _____ the _____ of Jesus (v. 18)

Question: Jesus sees the sin, and will lovingly confront it. Are you living with His perspective?

Sermon Notes...

Question #3

- a) **Rd v. 18:** What is Jesus telling the church about who He is by describing Himself this way?
- b) Why is the judgment and confrontation of sin in our lives such a loving work of Jesus towards us?
- c) Why is it hard to see the Lord's confrontation of our sin as a loving thing towards us?
- d) How should knowing this shape how we respond to His loving confrontation from His Word as you abide in it, and through the other members in the Body of Christ?
- e) Spend time in prayer repenting of any prideful defensiveness that you have displayed when the Lord confronted you in your sin. Ask the Lord for a greater humility and faith to receive it from Him.

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Point 2: _____ the _____ of Jesus (vv. 19-25)

Question: Jesus commands that we guard His Word in belief and practice. Are you?

Sermon Notes...

Guard the Teaching...

- i) REJECT False Teaching (vv. 20-23)

ii) HOLD FAST to Sound Teaching (vv. 24-25)

Question #5

- a) **Rd vv. 19-25:** What did Jesus commend the church for? What did He critique them for?
- b) When are you most tempted to tolerate or give permission to sin in the name of 'love' and not speak the truth in love to them?
- c) What is it you really want in those moments from that person? What gospel treasure(s) are you not believing in those moments? (Use your fruit to root diagram as needed).
- d) How should believing that gospel treasure change how you respond in those situations (ie-Fruit)?
- e) Spend time in prayer for a greater first love for Jesus and faith to believe that treasure of the gospel you are struggling with.

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Point 3: GUARDS the PROMISE of Jesus (vv. 26-29)

Question: Jesus will reward faithfulness. Will you guard His promise in your heart?

Sermon Notes...

Question #7

- a) **Rd vv. 26-29:** What two rewards does Jesus promise to give to those who stay faithful to Him to the end?
- b) Review the rewards Jesus promises to give to the other churches we've studied so far (Ephesus, Smyrna and Pergamum). Write them all down. Now, discuss as a group the rewards that Jesus is ready to give to the one who overcomes in Him. Which ones stand out for you the most? Why those ones? Does this increase your longing for heaven? If so, why?
- c) Now, write down and share how this eternal perspective must shape your daily life in standing firm in the Lord and His Word (ex-in your home, classroom, relationships, church, etc.).
- d) Spend time in praise and prayer as a group for the hope we have in Jesus through the gospel!

Prayer Application

Spend time as a group or in accountability praying out of **Rev. 2:18-29**...

- a) ADORATION: Lord Jesus, You see everything and are the perfect Judge who_____ .
- b) CONFESSION: Lord Jesus, I repent of compromising Your Word when_____ .
- c) THANKSGIVING: Lord Jesus, I thank you for the hope of the gospel that_____ .
- d) SUPPLICATION: Lord Jesus, I ask for your grace to guard Your perspective, teaching and promises when/in_____.

Memory Verse:

"Only hold fast what you have until I come."-Revelation 2:25