

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Week 4 | Repentance | Rev. 2:18-29

Ice Breaker

Has some one ever apologized to you, but you didn't believe they were sorry? What made you think the apology was not genuine?

General Study Questions

- How does this passage fit into the book as a whole?
- How does it flow from the previous section of the text?
- What in the passage stands out to you?
- How does this passage minister to its original audience?
- How does this text minister to us today?
- Is there a sin to confess?
- Is there a cause for thanksgiving or praise to God?
- Is there a promise or truth to trust in?
- Is there an attitude to change?
- Is there a command to obey or an example to imitate?
- Is there anything confusing or hard to understand about the passage?
- How is the gospel present in this passage?
- What is the single, main point of the passage?
- How would you apply this passage to your life?

Text Specific Questions

1. What does the description of Jesus having "eyes like a flame of fire" and "feet like burnished bronze" mean?
2. Jesus praises the church for its love, faith, service, and endurance. What is a specific way you and/or Oakwood are demonstrating love, faith, service, and endurance?
3. How are the teachings of the person in verse 20 the same as the Jezebel in the OT (see 1 Kings 21:25)? Why are the sins of eating sacrificed food and sexual immorality so serious?
4. God warns that He will throw Jezebel on the sickbed, and strike dead those who are following and sharing her teaching. Does this judgment seem harsh to you? How do we reconcile God's judgment with the truth that He is a loving God?
5. God allows those trials to happen in hopes that they will repent and others will avoid their sin altogether. Have you ever had a difficult season that led you closer to God?
6. Define repentance. What does repentance look like in your own life right now?
7. Review the four reflection questions we were given at the end of Sunday's message (see below). In which areas are you doing well in your practice of repentance? In which areas can you improve? What steps can you take to grow in those areas? (Consider writing down your answers in the measurement and output sections of your journal.)

Reflection Questions from the Message

- Am I spending adequate time reflecting on what sins I've committed so that I can repent of them?
- Am I truly broken over the sins I am repenting of?
- Am I receiving God's grace when I repent or am I still carrying guilt?
- Am I making life changes that show that I am truly repentant?

Close in Prayer

Have each person share any additional prayer requests they may have. Spend some time praying for those requests as well as the outputs people have written down or shared. If you have a larger group, consider breaking up into smaller groups of 2-3 for this time. Be sure to write down prayer requests and outputs so you can pray during the week.

