

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 1-23-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** We hear about fake news. Let's talk about who we trust for news and why? Be aware of staying away from grumbling in this discussion.

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Revelation 2:12-17 "Integrity of Belief and Lifestyle"

Digging Deeper: Read aloud Revelation 2:12-17

1. How do you know how to know the truth?
2. What are the things that Jesus commends this church for?
3. Discuss what Jesus means when He says in vs 13 "where Satan has his throne", or "where Satan lives". What would you think He is communicating here?
4. Read Acts 17:10-12. Have you ever found yourself identifying with what the Bereans did when you have heard a Bible teaching? How so?
5. Vs 14 states that there were people who followed bad teaching(doctrine). According to the text, what does Jesus think of this and how important is it that we follow sound doctrine to lead our actions?
6. Would repenting be easy or hard for you if you realized you had been listening to bad teaching and then acted incorrectly?
7. How can you review your life to see if you are giving yourself to correct teaching, leading to correct living, these days? Talk about this together.

Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?