

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-7-2022

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:** Do you ever cheat at games so you can win? If not, have you been tempted to? What is the gain we get from winning dishonestly?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Revelation 2:18-29 "Integrity on the Job"

Digging Deeper:

1. Read aloud Revelation 2:18. How would you think Jesus eyes are like flaming fire and feet like burning bronze? How does this help you when faced with temptation?
2. Read aloud Revelation 2:19. Their current deeds were greater than their past. Has it been easier or harder to get better at being faithful at work as you get older?
3. Read aloud Revelation 2:20-23. We can compare/contrast their tolerance of Jezebel to our alliances with people in the workplace. Have you ever had to speak out at work? How did you work through that decision?
4. Read aloud Revelation 2:25-27. They are instructed to "hold fast" to what they have. And Mark 7:8 where they "hold fast" to traditions of men instead of the Word. What are you holding fast to when you are at work?
5. Read aloud Revelation 2:28-29 & Rev. 22:16. According to the texts, who is the morning star? Now read 1Cor. 13:12. Could you explain how these two passages can relate?

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?