



HEBRON

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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR REVELATION 2:8-11

1. In what way did God use His Spirit and His Word in your heart and mind as we studied Rev. 2:8-11?
2. With regard to the gospel, what is the most difficult place in which you have either lived or worked? What made it so difficult?
3. Why should we not abandon a place or people just because gospel advancement is difficult and slow?
4. What are you doing to see the gospel get to some of the most difficult places in our world?
5. To a church that was being slandered and slain, why do you think Jesus identified Himself as “the first and last, who died and came to life?” How would those particular images/truths of Jesus be helpful to the church in Smyrna?
6. How do we know the presence of suffering does not mean the absence of God or His will? Why do we sometimes think it does mean He’s not there or doesn’t care?
7. In what way(s) does the cross of Christ and Rev. 2:8-11 directly conflict with those who teach that God’s best plan for our lives here consists only of health and wealth?
8. In what ways have you ever benefited from the generosity of others who had few monetary resources? Why are some of the most impoverished people still so generous to others?
9. Read 2 Cor. 8:1-7. In what ways, were the churches of Macedonia similar to Smyrna? Knowing they were poor and persecuted, in what ways should we be particularly challenged by 2 Cor. 8:4?
10. What do you think cheerful and sacrificial giving looks like? How can we order our lives and our finances for the sake of the Kingdom?
11. What resources are available to us so that we can obey Jesus’ command not to fear even in the face of persecution and suffering?
12. Why is it comforting to know that all of our suffering has a purpose and is not random? Why is it important to remember that even though suffering has a purpose this does not make it pain free?
13. Why is it comforting to know that our suffering has an appointed time period and will not last forever?
14. What are you doing to help other Hebron brothers and sisters in Christ to be faithful to Jesus until their last breath? What are they doing to help you?
15. In what ways do you feel most tempted to compromise, bail out or quit running with/for Jesus?
16. What are you doing to warn non-Christians that if they do not repent there is a “second death” coming in which there will be no end to their suffering/torment?

APPLICATION

This week, by God’s grace and in His power, we will _____.