
Discussion Questions

1. If you are seeking to honor Jesus with your life, what are two or three of the biggest challenges or obstacles that you regularly face and why? How do you deal with those things?
2. Read Hebrews 4:12 and Ephesians 6:17. How do these references to the Word of God, that is, the Bible, relate to Revelation 2:12? Now, read through portions of Psalm 119. How does Jesus use the Word of God to shape your life? How might God's Word be used to help the Church as a whole?
3. Numbers 22–25 tells the story of Balaam and Balak and the ways they influenced Israel to compromise with their surrounding culture (see Numbers 25:1–3). In what ways might the Church in the United States be compromising with its culture. Recognizing that Pergamum was an influential imperial city, give specific thought to the realms of politics and sexuality and how the Church relates to these today.
4. Revelation 2:17 tells us that those who overcome receive “hidden manna.” Read John 6:22–59. Name ways in which believing that Jesus is the “bread that came down from heaven” (John 6:41) can help us endure the evil influences of our age—even those which could cost us our lives.
5. Pray together to discern good from evil, for Jesus' power to help us live and die well, and for strength to always move toward Jesus and take others with us, even in such a challenging age.

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