



to the church

September – October Teaching Series



Group Guide

A Study on the Word of Jesus to the
7 Churches of Revelation

Pergamum

Week 4

Reflect

Take some time to process together as a group:

- How is your soul doing?
- Where did you feel God most present and distant this week?
- What is one spiritual practice that has been lifegiving for you this week?

Overview

The message to Pergamum explores Jesus' call to remain faithful in a world filled with competing allegiances. Although the church in Pergamum remained faithful to Jesus in the midst of persecution, Jesus confronted their willingness to tolerate compromise, particularly through teachings that encouraged idolatry and immorality. The message highlights how compromise rarely happens all at once but develops through small, repeated decisions that gradually blur the line of faithfulness. In our own lives, comfort, success, control, money, political allegiance, and other desires can become competing "thrones" that draw our hearts away from Christ. The invitation is therefore to practice the joy of self-denial—not forgetting ourselves, but surrendering our desire to be in control—and to continually reorient our gaze toward Jesus. Faithfulness means choosing Christ one decision, one day, and one season at a time, trusting that in Him we receive true freedom, identity, and provision.



Reading

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Open Your Bible and Take Turn Reading From

Revelation 2:12–17 NIV

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: ‘The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword. 13 “I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you hold fast my name, and you did not deny my faith even in the days of Antipas my faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality. 15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.’

Discussion

What does Jesus commend and confront about the church in Pergamum?

How can something good become unhealthy when it receives an allegiance that belongs to Jesus?

Why do you think small compromises can be more dangerous than obvious rebellion?

What is one area where you need to move from “Jesus, bless what I want” toward “Jesus, lead me in what You want”?



Practice

Confession

Meet with someone you trust this week to practice confession. Confession is a space where we can be honest about our sins and shortcomings without being judged.

1. How is your soul doing?
2. What are your successes and failures this week?
3. Are there any sins you would like to confess to be free from?

Listen with empathy and pray for each other. If someone confessed a sin, reply with: "In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven."

Closing Prayer

"Jesus, thank You for reminding us tonight to remain faithful to You. Show us the areas where we have slowly compromised or allowed comfort, control, success, or other things to take Your place. Help us to surrender those things to You, fix our eyes on Christ, and choose faithfulness one day at a time. May You be at the center of our lives and our greatest allegiance. In Jesus' name, amen."

Further Resources

Watch: To the Church Teaching Series – Abbalove Church

Watch: Revelation Teaching Series (2026) – Abbalove Church

Read: Revelation for the rest of us – Scot McKnight

Read / Listen: 5 Strategies for reading revelation – Bible Project





Dear Church



**"Write on the scroll what you
see and send it to the church"**

- Jesus

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