

A Must Read! series

Chapter Three: Unholy Accommodation

Message Text: Revelation 2:12-17

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Background:

The city

The church

Holding Fast in a Hostile Environment

Accommodating Compromise in a Sinful Environment

Collective Repentance in a Holy Environment

Go Deeper:

- 1) Why do you think it is sometimes easier to stand against a blatant attack of your faith in Jesus Christ than to stand against subtle compromise?
- 2) Do you think Christians struggle to lovingly hold one another accountable? Explain.
- 3) Does accountability work? Explain.
- 4) How do we find the middle ground between keeping harsh boundaries without love like the Ephesian church (Rev. 2:1-8) and keeping no boundaries at all and calling it love like the church at Pergamum? Explain.
- 5) As you look at the Church today what would you identify as things that we need to repent of and ask God's forgiveness? Why don't we?
- 6) Why is it so hard to repent, personally or collectively?
- 7) In what ways are you living the Christian life as a community effort?
- 8) In what ways are you being too isolated and individualized in your Christian walk?
- 9) Do you struggle with anticipating and being excited about the prize that awaits those who conquer in heaven? Explain.
- 10) Do you think the church is more in danger of crumbling under an outward attack of Satan like the persecution Smyrna and Pergamum were experiencing or an internal attack of Satan like that which plagued the church at Pergamum? Explain.

Next Steps:

- I need to find some friends to lock arms with as I seek to live as a follower of Jesus Christ.
- I have been turning a blind eye to compromise in a fellow Christian's life. I will repent for us, and seek to lovingly speak to them this week.
- I have been living with compromise in my life and making excuses for it. I will repent and change my ways to reflect the life and heart of Jesus Christ, my savior.
- Write in your own: _____