

## **Small Group Study Guide: Thyatira: The Tolerant Church - Revelation 2:18-29**

### **Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer**

**Icebreaker: "Standing for Truth"** Ask the group:

- Have you ever seen something wrong happening but didn't speak up? Why or why not?
- How do you think God wants us to respond when we see sin or false teaching?

(Transition: The church in Thyatira was doing many good things, but they were allowing false teaching to spread. Let's see what Jesus says about this and what we can learn from it.)

**Scripture Focus:** Read Revelation 2:18-29 together as a group.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **1. Address to the Church:**

- Who is Jesus talking to in this passage (verse 18)?
- What kind of city was Thyatira, and what challenges did Christians face there?

#### **2. Description of Christ:**

- Jesus describes Himself as "the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire and feet like burnished bronze" (verse 18). What do these descriptions tell us about Him?
- How does knowing Jesus sees everything help us make good choices?

#### **3. Commendation (Praise):**

- Jesus praises the church for their love, faith, service, and endurance (verse 19). Why are these qualities important?
- How can we keep growing in our faith like the Thyatira believers did?

#### **4. Criticism (Warning):**

- Jesus warns them about "Jezebel," a false teacher leading people into sin (verses 20-23). What kind of things was she teaching?
- Why is it dangerous to tolerate false teaching in the church?
- How can we recognize false teaching today?

#### **5. Exhortation (Instruction):**

- Jesus calls the church to repent (verse 22). What does repentance mean?
- Why is it important to correct wrong behavior instead of ignoring it?
- What does Jesus promise to those who stay faithful (verse 24-25)?

#### **6. Promise to the Overcomer:**

- Jesus promises authority over the nations and the "morning star" to those who stay faithful (verses 26-28). What do these rewards mean?
- How does knowing Jesus has a reward for us help us stay strong in our faith?

### **Suggested Application:**

#### **1. Personal Reflection:**

- Think about your own life. Are there areas where you are allowing wrong influences? Ask God to help you stay true to Him.

**2. Commitment to Truth:**

- Read your Bible daily this week and pray for wisdom to recognize truth from false teaching.

**3. Encouraging Others:**

- If you see a friend struggling with their faith, encourage them to stay faithful to Jesus.

**4. Living Boldly:**

- Choose one way you can stand for truth this week, even if it's difficult.

**Closing Prayer:** Invite someone to pray, asking God to help everyone stand strong in their faith, avoid false influences, and remain faithful to Jesus.

**Optional Worship Song Suggestion:**

- "Jesus, Firm Foundation" – A song about standing on God's truth.