

# Lifegroup Questions

## Pergamum

*Read Revelation 2:12-17*

- How do you normally approach a complicated scripture such as this one? What resources/study guides have you found useful in the past?
- Jesus describes himself to the church in Pergamum as the one who has the sharp, double-edge sword, what does this mean? (See Hebrews 4:12), Why did Pergamum need to be reminded of this?
- Jesus tells the Church in Pergamum “I know where you live – where Satan has his throne”. How might Jesus describe your home town? In what ways do we give Satan the throne today?
- Jesus calls Antipas, who was martyred in Pergamum, a faithful witness. How would your faith hold up if someone from our congregation was killed for the sake of the gospel?
- On Sunday Dan said “It’s unlikely that any of us will lose our life because of our faith, but we might lose our faith because of the way we choose to live our lives” Thoughts?
- The two sins that are mentioned by Jesus are idolatry and sexual immorality, these were commonplace in Pergamum. Why do you think some in the church were beginning to practice them? What was the danger of this? (See 1 Corinthians 6:12-20)
- Are there any other sins that we tolerate which we shouldn’t (either personally or as a church)? Which aspects of modern culture that we should we should seek to avoid altogether?
- What do you think it means when Jesus says “I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth”? (See Ephesians 6:10-17)
- For those who remain faithful Jesus promises hidden manna and a white stone with a new name written on it, what might this mean? How does it make you feel?
- What do you think is that main lesson for us from the letter to Pergamum?