

REVELATION

OUR HOPE IS ON HIS THRONE

BATTLE IN THE CHURCH

KEY SCRIPTURES. Choose a different person to read the following scriptures.

Read Revelation 2 & 3

(the letters to the Seven Churches)

Use the following questions to help review the application of God's Word to our:

Head (What does God want me to know?)

Heart (What does God want me to desire/value?)

Hands (What does God want me to do?)

START THINKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup thinking.

- When you consider the ways Jesus commended the churches in Revelation,

what commendations do you feel apply to our church today? What's biblically right about Mission City Church? Based on Scripture, what rebukes apply to our church? Why?

START TALKING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup talking.

- As the churches faced opposition, why did God allow and even ordain that His children be thrown in prison and put to death?
- What are some examples of opposition that uncompromising believers face today? What labels does the world place on Christ-followers? How do we guard against compromise?
- Why should we value God's testing? What is the purpose of being tested?
- Why were the churches in today's text tempted to compromise their beliefs?

In America, why is it often easy for the church to blend in with the world? What happens when Christians' lifestyles are indistinguishable from the world? In what areas of

your life are you indistinguishable from the world?

- **What is the difference between compromise and complacency? How are they often intertwined? Are you coasting through life, or are you living and enduring faithfully?**
- **Pastor Matt emphasized a key danger the church faces: When lured by physical prosperity, we become blind to our deep spiritual poverty. He also noted that if we are not careful, we surround ourselves with all our wants and wane in our want for God. How does what we choose to value affect how easily we are enticed? What habits reveal your values? What habits change your values?**
- **Christ commands His church to remember, repent, and receive. What do you need to remember this week? How does God use His Word to help us remember truth? From what do you need to repent? What true treasures do you need to receive from Christ?**
- **Pastor Matt noted that the dominant rebuke in Revelation 2—3 was that the people failed to confess God's Word, the gospel to others. In what ways are you intentionally**

confessing the gospel to others? Who are people around you who need to hear the gospel and with whom you have the opportunity to share God's Word?

- Were any of these churches written off by Christ? What did He tell them to do to be restored? Why is that essential to our hope? (Answer: REPENT)

START SHARING. Ask these questions to get your LifeGroup sharing.

- When you consider Christ's warnings, what strikes you about His sternness? Why does His warning prove that He keeps us instead of rejects us?

Application: Doing What It Says

- What are some of the main truths that God wants you to know from this study?
- How do your thoughts need to adjust to align with these truths?
- According to the truths from this study, what does God want you to desire/value?

- How do your values need to change to align with His values?
- What actions does God want you to take according to the truths of this study?
- What is an action that you can start to implement today or tomorrow?
- What is going to be the most difficult aspect of this study to personally apply?

START PRAYING.

Close this time by praying for each other, specifically for strength to apply these truths, for personal needs and for the lost people with whom you are seeking to share the gospel.