



### **Jesus Speaks: Pt. 5; Thyatira - Maintain Faithfulness**

God is very patient with us, and He often withholds His judgment for a long time, and gives us time and space to repent. But eventually that patience runs out and God responds in judgment and discipline. Through John, Jesus spoke about this specific situation to the church in Thyatira. Jesus gave a warning and example to them and it's one that all churches should heed.

**Bottom Line:** Maintain your faithfulness to Jesus

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some things people make idols (gods) of in our current culture?
2. What sins do we tend to tolerate in our own lives or in the lives of our Christian friends that we should not?
3. **Read Revelation 2:18-29.** When we are misled by others, what can we do to correct the course?
4. In verse 19 Jesus says, *"I know your works—your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first."* Jesus sees everything we do and understands everything we feel. Describe your thoughts about this verse. Does it comfort you to know that Jesus sees it all?
5. What dangers do we face when we refuse to respond to God or repent of our sins?
6. **Read 1 Peter 3:9.** Why do we test God's patience with us?
7. What have you been tolerating in your life that you need to reject and change? How can you include repentance and renewal in your life?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?