Tips and Tricks:…



The Problem of Heresy| Revelation 2:12-17

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**Icebreaker** As a child, was there a “Haunted house” where you lived?

Read Revelation 2:12-17

The Path to Heresy (v., 13-15)

What are the problems facing the church in Pergamum? How have they succeeded? How have they failed?

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What makes Balaam a good image for the Church in Pergamum?

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Question: is it easier to endure harsh persecution or soft enticement from the world? Why?

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What lessons of the culture have crept their way into the church more than others?

* The matter of materialism- we’re defined by what we have (and don’t have)
* The mood of apathy- God doesn’t care what we do with our time or energy
* The message of silence- That truth is relative and it is rude to call sin by its name

Do you see these messages creep in subtly or directly? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

How do we respond to these messages when they appear? How do we Guard against them before they do?   
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The scripture reminds us the ultimate way that falsehood is cut down- the sword of Christ’s mouth. What does that mean? What does this imagery invoke?

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The Remedy of Truth (V 17, Hebrews 4:12)

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

What do these verses have to say about the word of God?  
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How is that relevant to entering God’s rest?

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Hebrews 4 talks about entering God’s rest. What is Revelation 2:17’s description?

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Question: How does manna relate to God’s promise?

* It reminds us of His provision in a place we can’t imagine it
* It reminds us of His power over all creation
* It reminds us of His faithfulness to an unfaithful people
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* All of the above

God relates to us in many ways. His means of Grace center on His word, but He has revealed in His word multiple means of grace.

Question: What ordinary means of grace has been especially sweet to you? What means do you wish you could appreciate more?

* Prayer
* Hearing the word Preached
* The Lord’s Supper
* Singing
* Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Work It Out!

One thing I’ll do differently because of this sermon:

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