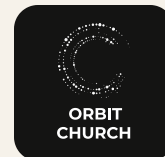


He Sees You

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Revelation 2:18-29

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

The letter to Thyatira starts with eyes like blazing fire. Jesus sees everything, and Pastor Matt insisted that is good news before it is scary news: he sees your motives and your history along with your failures. Thyatira had deeds worth praising and a tolerance problem underneath them, and often what gets tolerated is not something we are doing but something we keep not confronting. Pastor Matt's own conviction from the letter: he can care more about his record of deeds than about God's presence. Hold on to him, not to the resume.

To get started

- What is something you do well that has quietly gone on autopilot?

Looking back at the message

'He sees everything' can read as threat or comfort. He meant comfort.

- 1 Pastor Matt had the room say he sees everything two ways: once as a threat, once as encouragement. Which way does it hit you first, and why?
- 2 Pastor Matt admitted his own conviction from this letter: caring more about his record of deeds than about God's presence. How familiar is that?
- 3 Pastor Matt said tolerating something wrong is often not an action but an inaction, the conversation you keep not having. What did you make of that? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Revelation 2:18-29 aloud. Verse 19 and verse 20 sit right next to each other.

- 4 Read Revelation 2:19. What does Jesus praise, and what does he say about their direction?
- 5 Verse 20 starts the complaint. What is being tolerated?
- 6 Verse 23 says he searches hearts and minds. What does that add to a letter about deeds?
- 7 Verse 25 says: hold on to what you have. What do they have? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

The trade guild pressure has modern equivalents. Let people find theirs.

- 8 Thyatira's trade guilds made compromise the price of doing business. Where does that pressure exist today?
- 9 What are you tolerating now that you would not have tolerated five years ago?
- 10 What have you quietly stopped doing that you know you should still be doing?
- 11 God sees your motives along with your actions. How is that a comfort to you, or how is it not? OPTIONAL

The group together

Groups tolerate things too, usually to keep the peace.

- 12 What do groups tend to tolerate just to keep the peace?
- 13 How do we celebrate each other's good deeds without making deeds the whole point?
- 14 What would it look like for this group to seek God's presence instead of only talking about him?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one thing you have been tolerating that you are ready to name and stop?

You might pray about

- For a God who sees the whole story and stays
- For what we have quietly allowed
- For presence over performance
- For those doing a great deal and feeling far away