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Week 6 – The Letter to Thyatira

Introduction:

Lessons from the Letter to Thyatira

The Big Idea:

Tolerance of others who believe differently is a Biblical virtue. Turning a blind eye toward anti-Biblical doctrines, ideas and behaviors in Christ's church is what Jesus is confronting in the letter to Thyatira.

We are not saved or secured in our relationship with Jesus by anything we do or don't do. We are saved by grace through faith (John 6:29; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Our struggle against the flesh is itself evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work within us.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. In the letter to Thyatira, Jesus commends the church for their love, faith, service and perseverance. How do we demonstrate these qualities in our church today? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. In what ways can a community of believers balance the call for love and service with the need for moral and doctrinal discernment? Try to be specific in sharing your ideas...
3. What might be some modern-day equivalents of the “deep secrets of Satan” mentioned in the letter, and how can we avoid being seduced by them? Discuss...
4. How can we apply the concepts of repentance and correction in our faith today without falling into the traps of legalism or judgmental attitudes toward others?
5. Consider the influence of those in leadership and teaching positions within the church. What responsibilities do they carry in light of the issues raised in this letter to Thyatira?

Promptings:

6. Are there areas in your life where you feel pressured to compromise your faith in order to fit in with cultural norms? How can we, as followers of Jesus, hold fast to what we have until Jesus comes, as instructed in verse 25?