

# A Lesson In Tolerance

Week of October 12, 2014

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Small Group Homework

## **Greeting—Messenger in Pergamum**

Revelation 2:12-13a

## **Jesus—Him who has the Sharp, Double-Edged Sword**

## **Praise— Loyalty to Christ**

Revelation 2:13b

## **Criticism— Tolerate False Teachings and Immorality**

Revelation 2:14-15, Numbers 31:15-16

## **Instruction-REPENT!**

Revelation 2:16

## **Warning—Judgment is Coming**

## **Promise— Hidden Manna, White Stone**

Revelation 2:17

## **NOW WHAT?**

### **Repent**

### **Remain True to Christ**

### **Test Every Teaching**

2 Timothy 4:3-4, Acts 17:11

### **Examine Self for Compromise**

### **Be an Innocent Conqueror!**

Romans 8:1-2, 12-17, 31-32, 37-39

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

### **QUICK REVIEW**

1. Looking back over last weekend's message, what point, illustration, or idea did you hear most?

### **GETTING TO KNOW YOU**

2. If you could no longer live in the Wichita area, where would you go if you could move anywhere in the world and why?

## INTO THE BIBLE

3. One thing we can learn from the church in Pergamum is that sin “creeps” in to our lives and before you know it, we’re in over our heads. Jesus wants us to examine areas in our lives where we have tolerated thoughts or actions that do not honor Him. Read the following scripture:

Exodus 20:1-4

What do these verses teach us about tolerance?

In your opinion, why does God make verse 3, the first commandment?

4. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5.

What is Paul telling Timothy to be ready for?

How are “itching ears” and tolerance comparable?

How do you know whether you are hearing truth or false teaching?

5. After telling the church in Pergamum they were tolerating false teaching, Jesus instructs them to repent. Read the following verses and write down your observations about repentance:

2 Chronicles 7:14

Acts 3:19-21

Ezekiel 18:21-23

After reading these scriptures, summarize repentance in your own words:

## TAKING IT HOME

6. What are three things in your life you think of when you hear the word repent?

1)

2)

3)

7. Complete the following sentence:

*After reading in the Word and talking to my small group today, I may need to repent of...*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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