

Ridding Ourselves of Idolatry and Cultural Cross Pollination
Revelation 2:12-17

Sermon Discussion Questions
October 4, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. In reference to Pastor Jim's introduction on the cross pollination of pumpkins, in what ways has sin cross pollinated into our Christian lives? How has it cross pollinated into the universal Church?
2. Like the church of Pergamum, Calvary Church finds itself planted in the "backyard of Satan" and Jesus knows this. Financial systems, technological inventions, government and politics, although not entirely bad, have each seen influence from Satan within our culture. In what ways have you seen Satan's influence in these things? How have you seen the hand of God in these things? What other things in our culture lately have you noticed the influence of Satan in something created as good from our Father.
3. As a group, read Revelation 2:14, Numbers 22:1-20 & Numbers 23:1-12. Balaam the Prophet displayed an acceptable response to the Lord, but his heart was rooted solely on financial gain. As you read the texts above, where do you see instances of this? Search your own heart and share if there have been moments where you did something in the name of God but with a selfish heart.
4. As a group, read Revelation 2:17. What is the significance/symbolism of the white stone. What is the significance/symbolism of the hidden manna? See Deuteronomy 8:16-19; John 6:31-51.
5. In what ways have you seen God pull the seeds of idolatry out of your heart? In what ways can you and Calvary Church call out idolatry and cross pollination with the culture? Spend time praying for one another and Calvary Church that we would be influencers of the culture rather than being influenced by it.