

## Small Group | The Tolerant Church | Revelation 2:18-29

This week we explored Jesus' words to the church in Thyatira (Revelation 2:18–29) – a church growing in love, service, and endurance, but tolerating a false teacher whose influence was quietly reshaping hearts. Jesus' warning wasn't just about bad theology—it was about formation. What we tolerate will eventually shape us. In a culture of drift and compromise, Jesus calls us to resilient discipleship: to hold fast to him, resist spiritual erosion, and be formed by truth. The reward? Intimacy with Jesus and partnership in his kingdom.

**Read Revelation 2:18–19** – Jesus affirms their love, faith, service, and endurance

- How does this challenge your assumptions about what a "healthy" church looks like?
- Can a person—or church—be fruitful on the surface but still tolerate compromise underneath?
- Where might you see that kind of "fruitful but drifting" dynamic in your own life or church experience?

**Read Revelation 2:20–23** – Jesus' rebuke is for tolerating Jezebel's influence—not just her teaching

- What do you think tolerance looks like in a church or Christian today?
- Where's the line between compassion and compromise? Between grace and silence?
- "What we tolerate will eventually shape us." What are you tempted to tolerate that could be spiritually deforming?

**Read Romans 12:2** – Paul contrasts being conformed to the world with being transformed by renewal

- Where do you feel pressure to "go along to get along"?
- What are some cultural voices or environments that subtly reshape your thinking?
- What rhythms or practices help you "renew your mind" and stay rooted in Christ?

**Read Revelation 2:24–25** – Jesus tells the faithful: "Hold fast"

- In a culture of drift and distraction, what does holding fast actually look like?
- What does it take to hold fast when you feel isolated or out of step with the crowd?
- Share about a time when resisting the drift led to deeper formation or fruit.

**Read Revelation 2:26–29** – The reward is both partnership (authority) and intimacy (the morning star)

- Why is it important to remember that the reward of faithfulness is Jesus himself?
- How does this promise help you resist cultural conformity and stay faithful today?