

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 3, 2019



## The Discipline of Disciples

Revelation 2:18-28

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## Get to Know You

Who runs away from confrontation? Who always seems to be in a confrontation? Why do people not like confrontation? Why do people love confrontation?

## Study the Book

Read Revelation 2:18-28

Last week we studied Jesus's letter to Pergamum, and there we saw that Jesus expects us to clearly define what Christian belief and behavior looks like. But there are those times where we have to defend what's been defined. And that's what the letter to Thyatira is all about: Defend what you've defined.

**Be ready to rise to the serious business of reprimand.**

Who was Jezebel in the Old Testament?

Who is Jezebel in this passage?

Pastor Tom talked about prophecy. What does it mean to prophesy?

How was Jezebel leading believers astray in regard to pagan temple worship practices?

Jezebel had been given time to repent of her immorality (v. 21).  
What gospel passage guides us in how to confront someone in sin?

What steps are indicated in this passage?

**Be ready to yield to the serious business of repentance.**

What does Proverbs 9:8 say about the wise?

Is it difficult or easy to love someone who corrects us? Why?  
(Answer from both perspectives)

Who is the reference to Jezebel's children referring to?

As we consider God's love, we sometimes see it as overruling God's justice. One does not rule over the other. God's justice and love come together as Jesus Christ died on the cross for the sins of the world. Jesus says, "I am he who searches hearts and minds, and will repay each of you according to your deeds." He also "demonstrated his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

How does our understanding of God's love and justice affect how we live?

## **Group Application Discussion**

Read Psalm 51:1-2, 10, 12, and 17.

Take a few moments of class time and pray that God would reveal any sin in our hearts. Challenge each other to seek the Lord and sincerely welcome any conviction that the Holy Spirit brings.

Discuss why verses ten and twelve are important part of confession.

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

What sins do you need to confess this week? Who might you need to contact to seek forgiveness? Is there anyone that you need to hold accountable? What first step should you make in that process?