

Dig Deeper @Home – “Ears that Hear”

Complement to sermon on July 23, 2017 – “Keep Faithful”

MEMORIZE – Revelation 22:7

And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book

READ Revelation 2: 8-11

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?

2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?

3. What do we know about Jesus by his own description in verse 1? Why are these descriptions important?

4. Jesus references “those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.” Cross reference this with John 8:39-47. What can we learn about the synagogue of Satan in Revelation from this passage in John?
 - a. Some have (wrongly) used verse 9 to justify anti-Semitic behaviors and beliefs. Use only this text to show why that view is not only preposterous but unbiblical as well.

5. Jesus exhorts the church to “be faithful unto death, and I will give you a crown of life.” Crowns are mentioned throughout the bible. Look at the following references and reflect on what it means to have the type of crown described.
 - a. James 1:12
 - b. 2 Timothy 4:8
 - c. 1 Peter 5:4
 - d. Revelation 4:4
 - e. 1 Thessalonians 2:19
 - f. 1 Corinthians 9:25

Bottom Line – Summarize Revelation 2: 8-11 in your own words



Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Revelation 2: 8-11

A Steady Hand

Take out a piece of paper. Neatly write 100 capital A's and 100 lowercase a's. After you are done answer the following questions.

- Did you finish the activity? If yes, did you find it difficult to continue to the end? If no, why did you stop?
- Observe your letters. How consistent are they? Did you get sloppy ever? Where and why?
- How does this relate to Revelation 2: 8-11 and the call to remain faithful?
- Where in life do you need to focus on remaining faithful?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

I Have This Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=onclQo5ub0c>

A song reminding us that Jesus is the hope to get us through the most difficult of times.

Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus – Mennonite Hymnal #592

A song encouraging us to stand strong for Christ regardless of what we may face

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. A time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Father, help us to rely on your Spirit to remain faithful to you. Empower us to go from here as bold followers of Jesus and may you give us the strength to stay true to You.