

## **Dig Deeper @Home – “Ears that Hear”**

### **Complement to sermon on July 30, 2017 – “Keep His Words”**

#### **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: 12-17**

#### **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. Verse 14 talks about “Balaam, who taught Barak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel.” Read Numbers 22-24. How would you describe the “teaching of Balaam.” What were the tragic results? (Read Numbers 25:1-3)
4. Balaam is mentioned in several other New Testament scriptures. Read 2 Peter 1:15 and Jude 11. What are we to learn about Balaam from these verses?
5. The sin of the Church of Pergamum was the sin of compromising God’s truth in the context of the culture they were living in. Read the following verses and reflect on what God’s word says about how we can avoid the sin of compromise.  
Galatians 1:6-7  
Romans 12:1-2  
2 Corinthians 6:14-18  
Matthew 6:24  
James 4:4
6. What cultural influences distract you from your relationship with Christ? What weapons has God given you to do battle with them? Which has proved very helpful?

**Bottom Line** – Summarize Revelation 2: 12-17 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: 12-17

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

**No Compromise** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GC2vvncga4U>

Listen to the words of this beautiful song by Keith Green and makes this your prayer, too.

**I'm Pressing on the Upward Way – Mennonite Hymnal #582**

A hymn that reflects our desire to live “above the world” and not compromise with the world.

## **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:**

Lord God, We confess that we are often tempted to conform to the patterns of the world around us. Keep us from compromising our commitment to you and help us to walk in your love by keeping your commandments. Show us how we can love you and serve others as we go. Amen