

The Seven Churches – 3

The Church at Pergamum

Begin by reading through Revelation 2:12–17. Make a note of anything especially striking and of anything that you do not understand.

Exploring the church at Smyrna – Questions on the passage

Question 1 – How is Jesus described? (vs 12) What is this image of Jesus meant to convey to His hearers?

Question 2 – What does Jesus say that He knows about the church? (vs 13) What is the significance of this?

Question 3 – Why does Jesus commend the church? (vs 13)

Question 4 – What does Jesus have against the church? (vs 14,15)

Question 5 – What does Jesus call upon the Christians in Pergamum to do? (vs 16)

Question 6 – With what does Jesus threaten the church? (vs 16) What does this mean?

Question 7 – What does Jesus promise the church at Pergamum? (vs 17) What do these things signify?

‘He who has an ear, let him hear’ – Questions for Application

How great a threat is false teaching to the church today?

Why do you think Christians may find false teaching attractive?

In an age of tolerance how should we react to those who teach false doctrine?

The church at Pergamum stood resolute against persecution but compromised in matters of truth and holiness. What lessons might we learn from this?

What concern do you have to maintain the truth? How do you exhibit that?