

Victorious: Revelation 2:1-29  
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Discussion Guide  
Next week's text: Revelation 3:1-22

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: *When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

- Revelation 1:17-18

- How well did you do at living in light of Christ's majesty this past week?

**OPEN:**

- How good of a listener are you (would those closest to you give the same answer haha)?
- How well do you do at truly listening to the Word of God (not just hearing)?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 2:1-29**

- What were the struggles for these four churches? Where and why was repentance necessary?
  - o Which of the struggles of the church of Asia minor do you see as also true of the churches of America? What strengths?
- Why is sound doctrine important?
  - o What does Jesus communicate about the importance of sound doctrine in this text?
  - o Have you had a tendency to lean towards being a doctrine dictator lacking love or a loving teddy bear lacking biblical truth? How do we keep these in balance?
- In what ways do you think it is ok for Christians to conform to culture and in what ways is it not ok?
- What does Jesus's words to Smyrna teach about Christian suffering?

**APPLY:**

- How have you received a word of correction from a brother or sister in Christ before? How did it go?

- How do you struggle to resist conforming to the evil ways of the world? How do these cultural influences distract you in your relationship with Jesus?
  - o What weapons has God given us to battle these influences?
- Which of the struggles mentioned among these churches do you find yourself struggling with most? Which affirmation did you need to align yourself with better?
  - o Which assurance did you most need to hear in this season?
  - o How did this text help remind you that you are victorious in Christ?
- NEXT STEP: How do you need to better “send it” (approach with confidence) in the midst of difficult times in your faith?

Memory Work: Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. -Revelation 2:11

Revelation Resources:

- Victorious by Matt Proctor (I would highly recommend this well researched devotional study)
- Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger
- Revelation’s Rhapsody by Robert A. Lowery
- Revelation and the End Times by Craig R. Koester
- Leaving the Rapture Behind by Larry Pechawer
- <https://www.shanejwood.com/>
- Revelation by Shane Wood on Rightnow Media.