

Leader's Guide – Small Groups – Feb. 2, 2020

1. Jesus commended the church in Thyatira for their love and faithfulness to the Gospel. How are we at Little Trinity exhibiting our love and faithfulness to the doctrines of the Gospel?

*Answers will vary. People may share about how church programs and ministries have Gospel impact to our city. People may share about how friends from church have impacted their personal lives.*

2. How are we as Christians in Toronto showing our tolerance and embrace of the teachings of Jezebel whenever we accommodate the values of the larger culture around us to our Christian faith?

*Answers will vary. We can compromise on our Christian faith by mixing the pursuit of cultural values with our pursuit of holiness, obedience, purity, and repentance.*

3. Regarding our feelings of discontentment and dissatisfaction in life, what is often underneath our fears and anxieties whenever we make choices and decisions in life?

*Jezebel and Satan speak fear into our ears by lying to us that we will ultimately lose out and miss out on life if we don't live it up right now. If our hearts are governed by fear and distress, we will be impulsive, anxious, and afraid in our choices and decision-making. We will focus more on what we don't have than on how we have already been blessed by God. We will become selfish, stingy, begrudging, and dissatisfied as we become less interested in being generous, friendly, and compassionate towards others.*

4. How does the prospect of ruling God's kingdom alongside Jesus and the knowledge that we already have Jesus Christ transform the way we make decisions and choices in our Christian lives together in Toronto?

*We develop resilience, long-suffering, and hope in our faith amidst the cruelty and ambiguity of life. Our faith becomes more far-reaching and can stretch further out for the long term. Fostering an eternal perspective in our daily lives is a hard discipline. We can have peace that we can indeed lose out right now for the gain of eternity. We can have peace that even as we suffer even now, we will have immortal glory and joy in God's kingdom. The prospect of Christian reward makes earthly suffering bearable and even worthwhile.*