



## When The Church Gets It Wrong

### Week 3 - Pergamum

#### SAY THIS:

In this week's sermon we learned that the church in Pergamum remained loyal to the name of Jesus, even in a hostile culture, but began to tolerate compromise in their beliefs and behaviors. They didn't fully reject truth—they slowly blended it. We also saw how dangerous it is when conviction gets softened by comfort, and how Jesus calls His people to live with both courage and clarity. A healthy church doesn't just believe the truth—it guards it, lives it, and refuses to dilute it.

#### ASK THIS:

Where in life do you feel the strongest pressure to “blend in”? (Work, relationships, culture, social settings, etc.)

#### WATCH THIS:

From the movie *The Incredibles*

👉 [Bob Parr vs Insurance Company Scene](#)

#### Ask This:

What tension did Bob feel between doing what's right and following the system?

Have you ever been in a situation where doing the right thing could cost you something?

#### HAVE SOMEONE READ:

Book of Revelation 2:12-17

#### Discussion

*(Choose the questions that fit your group best)*

#### ASK THIS:

1. The church in Pergamum held tightly to Jesus' name, yet tolerated false teaching and compromise. Why do you think it's possible to be both faithful and compromised at the same time? Where do you see that tension in your own life?
2. Jesus doesn't just address obvious sin—He also confronts what we quietly allow. Where do you see us tolerating things spiritually today instead of addressing them?



3. Pergamum lived in a culture filled with pressure to conform—politically, socially, and spiritually. Where do you feel that same pressure today?
4. The reference to Balaam points to compromise driven by desire—comfort, money, acceptance. What are the subtle things that tend to pull your heart away from fully following Jesus?
5. There's a difference between rejecting truth and slowly redefining it. Where do you see truth being blurred or redefined in our culture?
6. The promise of “hidden manna” and a “white stone” points to God as our provider and source of identity. Where are you tempted to look elsewhere for satisfaction, security, or approval?

### Closing Thought

Pergamum didn't lose their faith overnight—they slowly allowed other voices, values, and influences to sit alongside the truth of Jesus.

The danger isn't always abandoning truth—it's adjusting it just enough to stay comfortable.

### Optional Prayer Prompt

- Ask God to reveal any areas of compromise
- Pray for courage to stand firm in truth
- Pray for hearts that reflect both grace and truth in every environment