

“Living as Christians in a Woke World”

1. How should Christians engage this modern culture faithfully?

- a. Be Discerning AND Loving
- b. Don't Tolerate Sin AND Hold Fast
- c. Wake Up AND Strengthen What Remains

2. Be Discerning AND Loving

Revelation 2:1-7 (ESV) “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

²“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.”

3. In light of Jesus's words, what do you need to do?

4. Don't Tolerate Sin AND Hold Fast

Revelation 2:18-29 (ESV) “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

¹⁹“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

5. In light of Jesus's words, what do you need to do?

6. Wake Up AND Strengthen What Remains

Revelation 3:1-6 (ESV) "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

"I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. 4 Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. 6 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

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Small Group Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: What about modern culture makes it hard to faithfully follow Jesus?

Main Texts: Revelation 2:1 - 3:6

1. Read Revelation 2:1-3:6 and stop after each letter to a different church. Summarize as a group: 1) What was that church commended for? 2) What exhortation or rebuke did they receive from Jesus?
2. How can you in 2026 apply what Jesus spoke to those churches? Use "I" statements.
 - a. Think about where God has given you influence and how you can affect it.
3. Take a heart check. Do you long for people with opposing worldviews to come to know Jesus?
 - a. If so, how does that play out in your life?
4. What is one way that the church or your life group could better equip you to engage in modern culture?



Men's Activities



Women's Activities

