

Encounter these verses today:

Circle words that you identify with, underline phrases or sentences you'd like to remember, write questions about the passage out to the side ...



Revelation 1:9-20 (NIV)

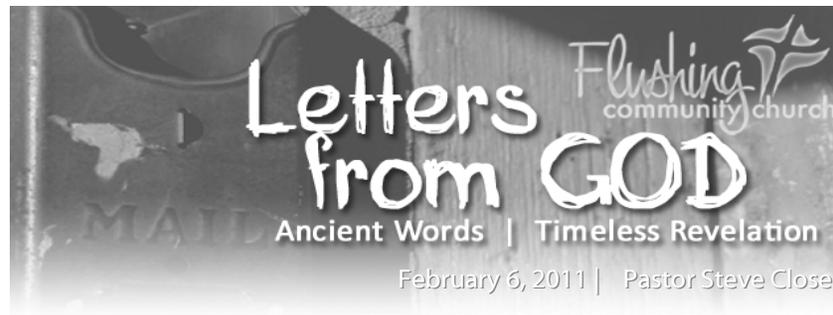
**Revelation 2:12-17 (tNIV)
To the Church in Pergamum**

¹² "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. ¹³ I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

¹⁴ Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. ¹⁵ Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To those who are victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give each of them a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 2.07.2011

Passage: Revelation 2:12-17

Pastor Steve shared this past Sunday about the church in Pergamum. This lenient church had held strong during a season of testing but came out of it blending into the culture around it. Even with that, the offer to repent and be granted access to heaven still exists. There is a stone with YOUR NAME written on it ... how much does Christ love His church?

Pray for: *our church board and ministry leaders*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 2.8.2011

Passage: Revelation 2:18-29

Upon leaving Pergamum, the carrier of these letters would travel southeast about 40 miles, over a range of small hills, and finally into the fertile plain of Lycus. there he would find Thyatira, a city known for its manufacturing. See if you can identify what Christ praises them for and what he holds against them.

Pray for: *the teens of our community*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 2.9.2011

Passage: 1 Kings 16:31-33; 19:1-2; 21:1-15

Who is Jezebel? Read these scriptures from 1 Kings (Old Testament) and get a good feel for the oppression she brought on those around her. Through her manipulation, she brought nations down. What was enticing to Israel became the sin that defined them. How are sexual sins and idol worship still bringing down the church?

Pray for: *Our Youth Ministry and Youth Pastor search process*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 2.10.2011

Passage: Psalm 2

This Psalm is prophetic in its message regarding the coming Messiah. Our trust must be placed in Him and Him alone. Christ promises a shared reign for those who endure to the end. What keeps you strong in your faith? What are you holding out for? How can we keep the face in the midst of opposition and struggle?

Pray for: *Friends facing job loss*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 2.11.2011

Passage: 2 Peter 1:3-21

This is a long read for the end of the week. My focus for putting it here was the reference of the "morning star" in v. 19; however, I loved the entire chapter and felt it could be an encouragement for you today. God has breathed His scripture for us. It is fulfilled through Him alone. Speak to us Lord Jesus!

Pray for: *Upward Game Day tomorrow!*

Reflections: _____

Reflections on this week: _____

