**Revelation 2:12-17**

**Basic Facts**

* Jesus called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a faithful martyr.
* Jesus accused the church of Pergamos of holding to the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Jesus commanded the church of Pergamos to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is offered to those who overcome.
* When Jesus mentions a white stone, He says a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ will be written on it.

**Key Phrases**

* *Pergamos:* Pergamos means “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” It was an important \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the pagan cults of Athena, Asklepios, Dionysus (Bacchus, the god of drunkenness), and Zeus.
* *Where Satan’s throne is:* On the acropolis in Pergamos was a huge, throne-shaped altar to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. In addition, Asklepios, the god of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, was the god most associated with Pergamos.
* *Antipas:*probably the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
* *Doctrine of Balaam:*blasphemous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel with fornication and idolatrous feasts (for the story of Balaam, see Num**.** 22-25).
* *The teaching of the Nicolaitans:*Nicos - conqueror; Laos - people = people conqueror
* *Hidden manna:*Just as Israel received manna, God promises to give the true believer the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the unbelieving world cannot see.
* *White stone:*When an athlete won in the games, he was often given as part of his prize a white stone, which was an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the winner’s celebration afterwards.
* *New name:*A personal message from Christ to the ones He loves, which serves as their admission pass into eternal glory. It is so \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that only the person who receives it will know what it is.

**Revelation 2:12-17 Discussion Questions**

1. What was the great sin of the church of Pergamos?
2. What worldly attitudes or actions do you find yourself struggling with the most? What principles from Revelation 2:12-17 offer you hope for change?
3. What are some of the pagan cults and idols of the 21st century?
4. How does our media/advertising point to the sin of Balaam? How can we choose to be “in the world but not of the world” in the world we live in today?
5. In verse 15, Jesus said that the church of Pergamos “had some who held the doctrine.” What is the difference between committing the sin of the Nicolaitans and embracing the doctrine of the Nicolaitans? What does this look like in the church today?
6. Why is it important to not only remain pure in action, but also remain pure in conviction?
7. What are some examples of God’s hidden manna? What makes those things hidden and why are they so hard to find?