

Fall 2009  
SERMON BASED  
SMALL GROUP SERIES:

# Radical Road Trip: Revelation 2 and 3

Discussion Guide  
Week #4

Small Groups   
Transforming Community @ RBCPC

## Week #4 WHO ARE YOU CALLING JEZEBEL?

### Colossians 3:1-5; 12-14. (Today's New International Version)

#### Rules for Holy Living

<sup>1</sup>Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your<sup>[a]</sup> life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

<sup>14</sup>And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

### Revelation 2:18-29 (Today's New International Version)

#### To the Church in Thyatira

<sup>18</sup> "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. <sup>19</sup> I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

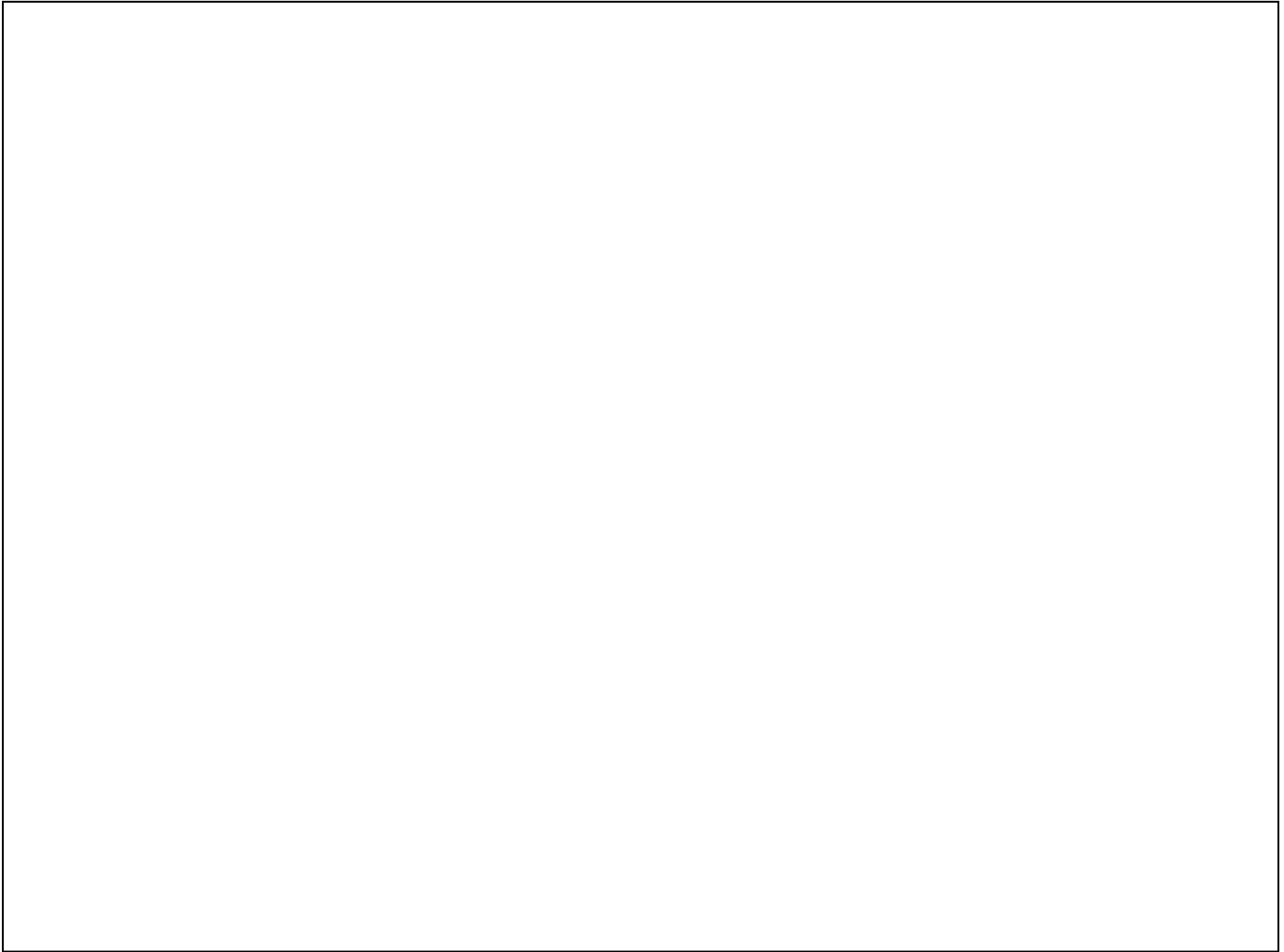
<sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup> I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. <sup>22</sup> So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. <sup>23</sup> I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. <sup>24</sup> Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you,' <sup>25</sup> except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

<sup>26</sup> To those who are victorious and do my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— <sup>27</sup> they 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery' <sup>[b]</sup>—just as I have received authority from my Father. <sup>28</sup> I will also give them the morning star. <sup>29</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

**Footnotes:**

- a. [Revelation 2:1](#) Or *messenger*; also in verses 8, 12 and 18
- b. [Revelation 2:27](#) Psalm 2:9

**Notes For Reflection:**

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## Facilitator's Guide

Continued blessings to you and your small group. Hopefully your group is growing closer to Jesus and one another during these weeks together.

Just a reminder: **The group does not need to push through every question!** Try to *pick at least one question from each section*. Take time in each section to let people think, share, and respond to one another.

Also, **the questions are not necessarily based on the sermon**. The questions are linked to the Scripture text that is used in the weekend worship and steered by the content of the sermon. **The goal is to dig deeper into the Scripture around the same theme that was preached**. Hopefully, the result will be deeper conversation around what the Bible is saying, and not necessarily what was preached. This also allows people to participate who have not heard the sermon.

Some helpful ideas for variety in the group's **prayer requests**:

- Write them down on a 3 x 5 card (or something like that) and have one person pray them at the end of the session.
- Write them down on a 3 x 5 card and have each person take one home to pray for through out the week.
- Assign one person to keep a prayer journal so the group can reflect on their journey together.
- Break into smaller groups of 2 or 3 to pray for each other.
- One person pray for each request immediately after it is spoken.

Here are a few **important things to remember** for facilitators, especially if your group is just starting out:

- *Keep praying for your group* before meeting and invite the Holy Spirit to be a part of the time you have together.
- *Begin and end ON TIME* as much as possible. When starting out, you may want to begin with something low key to allow everyone to arrive.
- Allow time for people in the group to get to know one another. *Relationships are at the core* of vital small groups.
- Work at cultivating *trust, honesty, respect, and sincerity*.
- *Invite the group to share in leadership*. You could share the opportunity of facilitating, plan some social time for the group on another night, have someone else be responsible to bring refreshments, or have another in the group lead prayer time.

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Pastor Neal Nybo, October 3/4, 2009

### Start It: *connecting with each other*

- What would your best friends say that you might worship?
- What situations or temptations can Christians face in our present society that can put their faith at risk?
- What is something this last year you felt you deserved?

### Study It: *understanding God's word*

- Someone read **Colossians 3: 1-5; 12-14**. In these verses there is emphasis given to the phrase "set your mind/heart on things above", why do you think this is important to the author?
- Read **Revelation 2:18-29**. What does Jesus have against the church of Thyatira? What is Jesus upset about Jezebel's actions?
- What is it about the nature of idolatry that is so destructive?
- In Revelation 2:25-29, Jesus refers back to Psalm 2:9 what was the significance of this psalm to the Thyatirians? What promises does this scripture bring to the church of Thyatira?

### Live It: *making truth stick*

- Which one of the virtues mentioned in the Colossians passage do you think you need to cloth yourself with?
- In the sermon, Pastor Neal asked "The question for us today is 'what do I put before God? And what am I going to do about it?'" What are you going to do about it?

### Pray It: *inviting God's spirit to change you and the world*

- For ourselves: that we may be people who do not compromise our walk with Jesus.
- For our church: that we may not seek to glorify ourselves instead of God.