

5. The Tree of Life and the Second Death (Going Deeper, feel free to skip)
 - a. What does the 'Tree of Life' symbolise in the story of the Garden of Eden? (See Genesis 3:21-24)
 - b. How is the curse of the Genesis 3 reversed in the end? (See Revelation 22:1-2)
 - c. Read Revelation 20:11-15 and 21:8. What is the second death?
 - d. What encouragement does Jesus give to those who 'are victorious' or 'conquer' or 'overcome' in 2:7,11? (cf. 21:7).

Applying it to our lives

6. How can we test whether someone is preaching God's truth or falsehoods? (Try and be as practical as possible)

7. Do you think Jesus would condemn our church for forsaking love (of God or others)? How might we need to change if that is the case?

8. How might we face slander as Christians today? How do Jesus's words encourage us when we face such slander?



**Week Beginning
Sunday 15th November 2020**

Growth Team News

Sadly, with the present Covid restrictions many of our Growth Teams are on pause. There are, however, a couple meeting on Zoom (see below). If you would like to give either of these a try this week, then please let Paul know on 01843 592562.

This week we continue our series on Jesus addressing the churches in Revelation 1-3. This week we hear two inspection reports. One for the church in Ephesus and the other for the church in Smyrna.

Even if you cannot join a Zoom Growth Team, please use this sheet with other members of your household or on your own Zoom. The sheet works best after watching the Sunday Sermon, which is available on You Tube or through our website.

Mon. 8:00pm *on Zoom*

Thu. 8.00pm *on Zoom*



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

The Inspector's Report

Revelation 2:1-11 (page 1234 in church Bibles)

Space to take notes on the talk

Jesus's Inspection Reports

- **Who** _____
- **What** _____
- **How** _____
- **Why** _____

Three Key Points from these two Reports:

1. **Hold** _____

2. **Hold** _____

3. **Hold** _____

Getting to know each other

- ❖ Have you ever been in an organisation that experienced an inspection? How did it feel?

Responding to the talk

1. If you had to give a heading to this Sunday's talk, what would it be?

2. The pattern of the reports (Read 2:1-11)
 - a. Which phrases used in 2:1-7 are repeated in 2:8-11?
 - b. How would you summarise the common pattern of the two reports?
 - c. What is the main difference between the two reports?

3. The Report on Ephesus (Read 2:1-7)
 - a. How does Jesus describe himself at the start of the report (cf. 1:12-13)?
 - b. What does this reveal about his relationship with the church?
 - c. What does Jesus say the Ephesian church is getting right?
 - d. What is the Ephesian church getting wrong?
 - e. How does Jesus want them to respond to the problem?

4. The Report on Smyrna (Read 2:8-11)
 - a. How does Jesus describe himself at the start of this report (cf. 1:17-18)?
 - b. What does Jesus say he knows about the church?
 - c. How do his words prepare them for the trials ahead?