

**A PEOPLE PLEASING TO GOD:  
WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH  
(Revelation 2:8-11)**

- Q.** Share a time **WHEN** life got tough for you. **HOW** did you feel you coped with it and **WHAT** if anything did you learn from it?
- Q.** **HAVE** you ever been badly treated by anyone for believing what you believe, and **HOW** did it affect you?

**(Vs.8)**

- Q.** **HOW** does Jesus reveal himself to the church at Smyrna and **WHAT** does it teach us about Him?
- Q.** **HOW** might these words of Jesus have been so apposite to the church in Smyrna for this time?
- Q.** In **WHAT** ways might Jesus' words here help us?

**(Vs.9-10a)**

- Q.** **WHAT** kind of suffering did the church at Smyrna face according to this passage and are there any similarities at all to **WHAT** we might suffer with?
- Q.** Jesus says He knows their afflictions, **HOW** and in **WHAT** ways might we find our comfort in that?

**(Vs.10b)**

- Q.** **WHAT** command and promise did Jesus give to the church at Smyrna and is that still true for us?
- Q.** **WHEN** we suffer for being disciples of Jesus, **HOW** should we live based on this verse and (1 Peter 4:12-19)?

**(Vs.11)**

**Q. WHAT** might the Spirit be saying to us through the Church in Smyrna and **HOW** can we act on it?

**Q. WHAT** is the '***second death***' (Revelation 21:8) and **HOW** can we avoid it and help others to avoid it too?

Be encouraged, for no matter what we may face in life, we can be faithful and fear not, for we know that Jesus knows our suffering intimately.

We know that Jesus is the beginning and the end.

We know that Jesus is He who died and rose again!

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