

Church of Smyrna
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Revelation 2:8-11 (page # 950 in the Pew Bibles)

1. **Smyrna's** _____
2. _____ **Review**
 - a. One of Two _____ Reviews
 - b. _____ of Difficulties
 - c. Link of _____ & _____
 - d. Rich in _____
3. **Christ's** _____
 - a. Period of _____
 - b. _____ Over _____
 - c. Reward for _____
 - d. _____ of Persecution
4. _____ **Victory**
 - a. " _____ "
 - b. " _____ "

Study Questions

Summer 2017: Week 5 of 10

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)

Looking Up to God:

Review these passages that involve the subject of persecution: Matthew 10:28, 2 Timothy 3:12, James 2:5, 1 Peter 4, 2 Corinthians 6:10, Matthew 5:10-12, Hebrews 11:33-40. Describe what God wants us to do if we are to face persecution.

Looking into Others:

What does our human nature want to do if we are to face persecution for our faith? Circle the answer(s) that you feel are correct. Place an * by those that you feel are acceptable responses for those following Christ.

1. Embrace the persecution
2. Move to a more faith friendly place
3. Keep my faith private to avoid persecution
4. Renounce my faith totally
5. Fight back against those persecuting my faith
6. Isolate myself from others so I can live my faith peacefully
7. Join an army of crusaders to kill those persecuting Christians

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(Continued Questions)

True or False: In my lifetime I will face real persecution for my faith in America. Be ready to provide a reason for your answer.

What negative behavioral pattern has been passed down from generation to generation within your family?

Looking Out to Others:

True or False: Persecution of the Christian faith makes the church more appealing.

Why did you answer true or false above?

What is a good idea for our next community project?

Looking into Myself (Private):

Will I let fear rule my faith or will faith rule my fear if I face persecution.