

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR MAY 25, 2014

Sermon Series: The Lion, The Lamb, Our Savior

Sermon: "Smyrna"

Scripture: Revelation 2:8-11

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1. When you encounter hardship or persecution for your faith, how do you tend to respond personally? How do you think the church ought to respond? Why or why not? What Scripture would you use to support your case?
2. There are two commands in verse 10 that Jesus gives in response to tribulation. What is the first?
3. What are some fear-based ways of responding to tribulation? What might they look like for you individually, or for the church corporately?
4. How does Jesus want us to respond (end of verse 10)? What does it mean to be faithful "unto death" (assuming that you don't actually die)?
5. How does the image of Christ in verse 8 speak to the situation he addresses in this letter? How does this image help you as you seek to "be faithful unto death?"