

## SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JUNE 1, 2014

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**Sermon Series:** The Lion, The Lamb, Our Savior

**Sermon:** "Pergamum"

**Scripture:** Revelation 2:12-17

**Preaching:** Bob Hopper

1. Pastor Hopper was asked a question from a parishioner regarding the idea that when we see Christ in heaven will He still have a sword coming from His mouth. What do you think of the answer that was given?
2. There were six observations from the text. List all six below.
3. Of the six, which one is most meaningful to you and why?
4. When it comes to the reality of Satan in general and spiritual warfare in particular, there are two common mistakes that Christians often make. What are they? Which one more closely describes your inclination in this matter?
5. What does it mean to be a martyr for Christ (i.e. Antipas)? In what ways have you personally suffered any form of persecution for your faith? What was your response? How has this affected you since then? If you have never been persecuted, what are some possible reasons for that?
6. What does it mean for a congregation to be "high grace / high truth" in its dealings with each other? . . . with our unbelieving friends and neighbors?
7. What are "the marks of the true church" as defined by the EPC? How would you evaluate Central's practice of these four? What might the Lord be calling you to do to strengthen any or all of these four?
8. What does it mean for the Christian to "live like you were dying"? How do the promises of the future impact the way we live our Christian life in the future? What is currently on your "bucket list"? What should be on that list? How does the gospel invite us to live in "all three time zones"?
9. Ponder the poem, "Three Clocks", by Karen Brown. How does it speak to your heart? Do you hear all three clocks speaking to your soul? Give God praise and thanks and glory for being "the God who was, who is, and who is to come."