



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Dear Church | Thyatira

Last Week

Were you able to identify areas of fear or compromise in your faith?

Opener

Can you think of a specific example of anyone famous or in the news that says one thing but does another?

Questions

Rev. 2:19 I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. Then in vs. 20 on, he goes into what he has against Thyatira. What do you think this says about God's expectation from us as followers of Jesus?

What did you think when you heard the Barna statistic that 63% of Americans claim to believe in Jesus, but only 4% live a life reflective of Jesus? Does it change the way you hear comments from outside the church about Christians being hypocritical? What can we do to help fix this?

If we know we're saved by Grace alone, then why is there such an emphasis on deeds/works in the early teachings to the church?

If our deeds are meant to bear witness to our faith, what does that mean to us as Christ followers as individuals, as a local church? Are there changes that come to mind for you when you think about this?

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

James 2:26 (NLT)

Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

Read the verses out loud together,

- *Share your observations,*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

Next Steps:

What are some ways you can change right now to allow your deeds to be a witness to your faith?