

GRACE GROUP STUDY GUIDE FALL WEEK #1

September 20, 2026 | Revelation 2:12-17

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1-MIN OVERVIEW

Welcome to the Fall Semester of Grace Groups! Whether this is a brand new group or you've been together for years, this first gathering is going to focus on laying a foundation for the friendship and growth we'll enjoy together over the coming year. The purpose of Grace Groups is to grow closer to God and to each other, so let's get started!



WARM UP

1. *Share your name and a highlight from your summer.*
2. *What brings you to a Grace Group? What are you hoping to receive from our time together?*



CREATE A GROUP COVENANT: Work together to develop a customized vision for your Grace Group.

1. *What do we want our group to be like this year?*
2. *What do we all need to commit to in order to make sure our group looks like this?*



LIVE IT: Clarify some important details to set your group up for success this semester.



KNOW IT: Options for Bible Study and discussion if your group still has time. You likely won't get to all of these passages and questions during your group meeting, but feel free to revisit them on your own this week!

- Read **Revelation 1:1-11** to gain some insight into the context of the Seven Letters to the Churches
1. *What strikes you about this passage? Is there anything surprising, exciting or confusing?*
 2. *What does this tell us about the purpose of the book of Revelation as a whole?*

- Review the last three weeks of sermons in this series (Letters to Ephesus, Smyrna and Pergamum)
1. *If you were looking for a home church in Asia Minor, which of these churches would you want to attend? Which would you want to avoid, and why?*
 2. *What encouragement or challenge has seemed particularly applicable to you individually and to our church as a whole?*
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- Read **Revelation 2:12-17**, the Letter to Pergamum, which Matt preached on in this week's sermon.
1. *What can we learn about the experiences and struggles of the church at Pergamum, and in what ways can we identify with them today?*
 2. *Based on Jesus's message to this church, what can we discern about His character? What does it tell us about what He is like and what is important to Him?*
 3. *What could it look like to practically respond to the encouragement and challenges of this letter, both as individual followers of Jesus and especially as a church family?*