

Dwell: Take a moment to read back through this passage. Make a note of any questions/reactions you have.

Dig: Briefly summarize for each category, using the chart below. (You can also keep track of all 7 churches on the full-page chart.)

Passage	To angel of the church in:	Description of Jesus	What Jesus knows – Commendation	What Jesus knows – Accusation	Exhortation/Warning	Call to listen? Y/N	Promise to the faithful
2:12-17							

2. How is Antipas described in v. 13? What might this be telling us about his death?

➤ How did this church respond to his death?

3. Read Nu. 25:1-9 and 31:16 on the back. What do those passages teach us about what Balaam taught?

4. Read Ex. 16:1-4, 31 on the back. What is the manna that is talked about there? What does this manna teach us about God?

➤ Read John 6:48-50 on the back. How might this, along with the passage from Exodus, help us understand what Jesus means when He talks about the “hidden manna” in v. 17?

5. Notice the back and forth of singular and plural nouns in v. 16-17 (you, them, churches, one). Why do you think Jesus speaks this way? What might He be trying to convey?

6. What are you learning from this passage about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)?

Deepen: *These are all difficult questions. Take time to honestly reflect and answer, even if you aren't prepared to share them out loud yet.*

1. What are some cultural ideas that you find yourself wanting to accept, or are accepting, even though they may not align with Scripture? What would repentance look like?

2. Think about what we are tolerating that is inconsistent with Scripture. What would it look like to no longer tolerate that? How can we love our enemies, or our brothers and sisters? How can we be both humble and brave?

3. What are some idols that you are struggling with? What steps can you take to tear them down and give the Lord ALL of your worship?

Numbers 25:1-9 While Israel lived in Shittim, the people began to whore with the daughters of Moab. ²These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. ³So Israel yoked himself to Baal of Peor. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. ⁴And the LORD said to Moses, "Take all the chiefs of the people and hang them in the sun before the LORD, that the fierce anger of the LORD may turn away from Israel." ⁵And Moses said to the judges of Israel, "Each of you kill those of his men who have yoked themselves to Baal of Peor." ⁶And behold, one of the people of Israel came and brought a Midianite woman to his family, in the sight of Moses and in the sight of the whole congregation of the people of Israel, while they were weeping in the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁷When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose and left the congregation and took a spear in his hand ⁸and went after the man of Israel into the chamber and pierced both of them, the man of Israel and the woman through her belly. Thus the plague on the people of Israel was stopped. ⁹Nevertheless, those who died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

Numbers 31:16 Behold, these, on Balaam's advice, caused the people of Israel to act treacherously against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and so the plague came among the congregation of the LORD.

Exodus 16:1-4, 31 They set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day...." ³¹Now the house of Israel called its name manna...

John 6:48-50 I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.