



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 16, 2026

1. What does it mean to be “negligent”? In 1994, McDonalds was proven to be negligent in serving coffee that was so hot, it was physically injuring customers. If a business, a company, or an individual “looks the other way” and people get hurt, shouldn’t they be held responsible? Discuss your answers. Have you ever been hurt because of obvious negligence?
2. Read Revelation 2:18-29. What is the ‘big idea’ that Jesus is trying to communicate to this church? Would you say that Jesus words are primarily positive, or primarily negative? Explain your answer.
3. The church at Thyatira was like the spiritual opposite of Ephesus. Ephesus was standing firm against sin and error, but their love was severely lacking. What was going right in Thyatira, and what was going wrong?
4. Are there any perfect churches today? Why or why not? If someone expects to attend or participate in a perfect church, how might this negatively impact their Christian experience? What are some of the primary markers of a healthy church? (Consult Matthew 22:37-40 and 28:19-20)
5. Today’s American culture values and affirms “TOLERANCE”. What does today’s world tell us to tolerate? Give some examples from everyday life. What was the church at Thyatira tolerating? Did Jesus approve or condemn their tolerance? In what ways or to what topics should the church of Jesus Christ be intolerant? (see Romans 12:1-2)
6. Did Jesus bring immediate punishment to this church because of their tolerance toward idolatry and immorality? (see verse 21) Would you say that Jesus is patient with sinners? (See John 8:2-11 for a remarkable account). What are some of the ways Jesus has shown patience with you in your Christian experience?
7. What accountability did Jesus threaten to Thyatira, if they continued in heinous sin? (see 22-23). What relief did Jesus offer those who were faithful and not compromising their lifestyles? (see 24b-25). Thankfully, Jesus won’t burden you with arbitrary standards or random rules. But what are some of the things you are supposed to hold onto?
8. Pastor Ryan said that “*Faithfulness matters, and holiness isn’t optional.*” How do you think this applies to your local church? Work together with your group, and create a 10-point list of tangible areas where churches must remain true and faithful to Jesus.

*If sin dominates and your church looks the other way,
Jesus looks at your church with discipline and not delight.*