

Parker Square Sermon Discussion Questions
How the Mighty Fall by Destin Garner | Sunday, August 16, 2026
Scripture Passage: Revelation 2:12-28

Have different members of your small group read the text aloud before beginning discussion

Icebreaker Have you ever found yourself making a small compromise because it seemed easier, safer, or less costly than doing what you knew was right? What made that compromise tempting?

1. In Revelation 2:12–13, Jesus commends the church in Pergamum for holding fast to His name even while living in a culture that strongly pressured them to compromise. What pressures today make it difficult for Christians to stand firmly for Jesus?
2. Jesus confronted Pergamum for allowing “loopholes” that made compromise seem acceptable. Why do you think we are sometimes more comfortable rationalizing sin than honestly confronting it? What might a “loophole” look like in our own lives? Revelation 2:14–16
3. Thyatira was commended for its love, faith, service, perseverance, and growing good works (v. 19), yet Jesus still had something against them because they tolerated false teaching and sexual immorality (vv. 20–23). What does this teach us about the difference between looking spiritually healthy on the outside and being spiritually healthy on the inside?
4. In verses 24–25, Jesus tells those who had remained faithful to “hold fast” until He comes. What do you think it looks like to “hold fast” to Jesus when following Him becomes costly, uncomfortable, or unpopular?
5. Jesus promises the faithful in Pergamum hidden manna and a new name, and the faithful in Thyatira authority and the “morning star” (vv. 17, 26–28). How do these promises speak to the deeper desires for satisfaction, security, significance, and success that can tempt us?

For Application and Next Steps:

- **Identify** - Where might fear, ambition, people-pleasing, or the desire for acceptance be quietly influencing your choices? Journal your responses and confess them to the Lord.
- **Prayerfully consider** - Is there an area where you are trying to hold on to Jesus with one hand while holding on to something else with the other? Ask Jesus to show you any “loophole” or compromise you have been tolerating and repent of compromise—even if doing what is right costs you something.
- **Read Revelation 1 and 2** every day this week, ask the Lord to give you ears to hear what He is saying to you and respond as Holy Spirit leads.
- **Respond – Men talk with men, women talk with women...** Discuss what it looks like for you to proactively guard your heart from compromise, temptation and sexual sin. What are some areas where you are struggling? What would accountability look like in that area?