

Life Application Notes

Week beginning 2nd Feb (West End) 9th Feb (Lordshill/Central).

Culture Revealed. *What Matters to Jesus in the Local Church?*

Chris Kilby. Letter 3 (PERGAMUM) - Revelation 2 'Staying on the True Adventure'

Opening Up.

- Chris began by highlighting how the universities of Harvard and Yale drifted from their Christian foundations.

Group discussion - *'What things, over the years, have caused churches to 'lose their way'?*

Digging In

In Revelation we see John's vision of a glorified Christ, who then dictates to John letters to seven churches. This third letter is written to the church in Pergamum

Read Revelation 2:12-17

Remind one another what Pergamum was like as a city.

(Clues for leader - In inland Turkey, built on a large hill, many temples, many gods, cultural centre with theatre and library. Prostitution)

Drift from the True Adventure

- In what ways was the church in Pergamum under pressure to drift?
- How do we experience similar pressures in our city?
- How did the believers in Pergamum react to the pressure?
- How can individualism show up in church life and mission, and how can we resist it?

Trap of a False Adventure

- Ask the group to think about a time when they have not liked what the bible teaches, or when it has challenged an area of their life. Perhaps one or two could share their examples.
- What happens to a believer when they act in a way that is contrary to the teaching of scripture? What does it demonstrate to those around them? How can this be addressed?

Rounding Off

Zeal of the True Adventure

Go round the room giving **one word** (or very short!) answers to the question '*What excites you about the Christian Life, and our mission together in Southampton?*

Finish by thanking God together for calling us to such a task!