

SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JUNE 8, 2014

Sermon Series: The Lion, The Lamb, Our Savior

Sermon: "Pergamum"

Scripture: Revelation 2:18-29

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1. Which of the six strengths that Jesus affirms in the Thyatira congregation are also true of Central Presbyterian Church?
2. What is the significance of the description of Jesus' eyes and feet in verse 18?
3. In one sentence, summarize what Jesus declares to be the glaring weakness of the congregation (verse 20).
4. Write down a few words that describe your natural reaction to these words: "toleration," "accountability," and "church discipline."
5. Historically, in the Reformed tradition, what are the "three marks of a true church"? Do you agree?
6. What has the Evangelical Presbyterian Church added as a fourth "mark of a true church"? Do you agree?
7. When there is an infection in the human body, how do we treat it and why?
8. When there is an "infection" in the body of Christ, how do we treat it? How should we treat it?
9. In what ways does God bring discipline to his people? Why does he do so?
10. What have you been tolerating in your own heart that needs to be named, confessed, and repented of?



11. What has Central been tolerating in our life as a church that needs to be named, confessed, and repented of?

12. Reflect and discuss the following quote: "In the gospel, rebuke is not rejection. Through the cross, God already rejected us by rejecting Jesus --- so we are now accepted in Christ. The rebuke of our Savior comes to us in his mercy, affirms our status as God's children, and speaks volumes about our Heavenly Father's great love for us."