

# Revelation 2.8-11

## Group Discussion Questions

1. In verse eight, Jesus encourages the church in Smyrna by calling them “rich” despite their severe affliction and poverty? What makes them rich?
2. Why did John harshly criticize the Jews in Smyrna, calling their place of worship the synagogue of Satan? What does this mean for those who are “riding the fence” between Christianity and the world?
3. Warren Wiersbe attributes the persecution of the Christians in Smyrna to their refusal to bow to the Roman government, and their refusal to acknowledge Caesar as Lord. How can you see this scenario playing out in the United States today? How did their faithfulness to Jesus Christ impact their lives?
4. What is the purpose of listing the “10 days” of suffering (v.10)? Why do you think Jesus would include that in this letter?
5. What did Jesus promise to those who remain faithful during times of pain and affliction? How does this correlate to the promises in the letter to the Ephesians? How can we find strength and encouragement in these promises?

6. Considering verse 10, If you were to take an honest look at your faith, would you be able to stand firm in your testimony for Jesus Christ, even if facing death for your faith?