**Calibrate: Thyatira**

**Participant Guide**

1. What is something you did for fun this past week?
2. What is a ‘guilty pleasure’ that you have? Some examples of ‘guilty pleasures’ may be watching a particular tv show, eating ice cream every night, or shopping on QVC too often.

**Getting Started**

1. Read Revelation 2:20. When is toleration appropriate? When does it interfere with the Christian faith?
2. Read Revelation 2:21. What does this say about Jesus’ character?
3. Read Revelation 2:22-23. What does this say about Jesus’ judgement over those who commit to the ways of Jezebel?

**Digging Deeper**

1. Jezebel is likely a title more than a name. For example, if someone were to call someone else a ‘Judas’, we would all understand they are calling the person disloyal. What are the identifying traits of a Jezebel?
2. The group that was tolerating (and even following) the ways of Jezebel was not necessarily a large group. Read Revelation 2:24-25. What does Jesus tell them to do? Do you think it’s fair that the reputation of Thyatira was tainted by a few? Why or why not?
3. Read Mark 9:42 and Revelation 2:22-23. How do these two passages relate to one another? What do you notice about the character of Jesus?

**Bringing It Home**

1. What are some areas of your life that you are tolerating; what effect is it having on your relationship with Jesus?
2. Jesus’ judgement may seem harsh in this letter, and yet his grace is also communicated throughout. How do you reconcile this picture of Christ’s judgement with his grace and mercy? Do you think that Christians have lost sight of what it means to be holy because of a focus on God’s mercy? Discuss what a healthy balance of righteousness and grace looks like in Christian living.