

**Text: Revelation 2:12-17**

## The Heart Of The Matter: DNA #3 TRUTH

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### Introduction:

**Danger #1:** Focus on good things, missing your first love (out of extreme balance). Everything must flow out of relationship with Jesus.

**Danger #2:** Focus on externals without a heart relationship with Jesus. Truth without a relationship with Jesus can lead to pride.

Driving Passion For Cloverdale Baptist Church In Our Longing To Bring Glory To God: Truth without Loftiness  
*Revelation 2:12-17*

*Truth is a matter of life and death!*

*The P \_\_\_\_\_: Faithful in Persecution*

*The P \_\_\_\_\_: A Lack Of Passion For Truth*

*The P \_\_\_\_\_ Response*

*The P \_\_\_\_\_ Of Intimacy*

### Implications:

- *Know That Truth Matters!*
- *Know That Truth Is Being Attacked!*
- *Proactively Seek Truth*
- *Avoid The Danger*

*Memory Verse: Isaiah 66:2*

## The Heart Of The Matter: DNA #3 For Small Groups

**Question:** Have you ever believed something to be true and found out later it wasn't? How did that make you feel? Have you ever misled someone else on accident or on purpose?

### Call To Worship: Psalm 34:1-5

**Why is it important that we clearly set out who God wants us to be as a church? What would the dangers of not doing this be?**

Read the following Scriptures and interact with them:

- 2 Thessalonians 2:10; John 8:32; 2 Timothy 4:1-4; John 14:6; 2 John 7-11; John 17:17; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 1:8-10.

Discuss the importance that God places on truth, and where this truth can be found.

Why is this so important to us as a church if we want to be healthy and pleasing to God?

Read together **Revelation 2:12-17**

What was the problem that this church was in trouble with Jesus for?

Read Numbers 25:1-12 and Numbers 31:16...

What is the proper response for us if we see this same struggle in our generation?

Why is the promise of intimacy so precious and what is the connection with a passion for truth?

Review the implications that Pastor Rob taught...How can you as individuals and as a growth group have a passion for truth in your lives?

Discuss how you can take steps to avoid the danger that comes if truth is out of extreme balance.

Discuss this week's memory verse, Isaiah 66:2