Overcomers
Week 2 - Smyrna: A City of Suffering and Death
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If you want to understand someone, get to know their _____.

"Some key moments in my story include…"

Context on Smyrna:

Big Idea: We _____ and _____ overcome because Jesus
_____ and _____ overcome.

Passage: Revelation 2:8-11

3 Observations:

1. What we _____ about our suffering determines our
_____ of it. (Rev. 2:9)

2. Suffering tests our ability to trust God's _____.
 (Rev. 2:10a, Dan. 1:12-15)

3. Jesus doesn't promise to _____ us from death;
 He promises death can't _____ us. (Rev 2:8, 10-11, 3:21, 5:5)

Next Steps:

1. Identify 2-3 of the _____ _____ events in
your life.

2. Consider the _____ you've adopted because of those
_____.

3. Prayerfully _____ your beliefs about the character of God
in light of the Bible.

Discussion Questions:
-How did God use this message to speak in your life?
-What's your favorite part of your life story? Least favorite?
-If someone wanted to understand you, what stories or experiences
would they need to know?
-Read Revelation 2:9-10. In this passage, Jesus challenges the beliefs
which the believers in Smyrna had adopted because of their
experiences. What beliefs do you have today which can be directly
tied to your past experiences? Which of those beliefs are true and
helpful? Which are untrue and harmful?
-Where in your life does God's promise of justice bring you hope?
When have you struggled to believe that promise?
-Where in your life does God's promise of reward bring you hope?
When have you struggled to believe that promise?
-Pastor Scott shared the main idea of this series is "our view of the
end enables us to reframe and overcome life in the middle." What is
your "view of the end"? How does it give you hope and help you to
overcome the adversity you're experiencing today?

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