



1. [about 3 minutes] What is one thing you like about Figtree Anglican Church? What is one thing you don't find so appealing?

2. [about 7 minutes] Read Revelation Chapter 2 and Chapter 3. It is suggested the same person read all the section to one church, then a new reader start on the section to the next church. (So, divide the reading into 2:1-7, 2:8-11, 2:12-17, 2:18-29, 3:1-6, 3:7-13, 3:14-22.)

## Revelation 2-3

*to the seven churches*

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### Revelation 2-3: focus on the victors

The messages to the seven churches all follow the same pattern. Michael Wilcock sums it up, using the first one as an example:

(1) *To the Ephesians* (2) *speaks the Holder of the seven stars*:  
 (3) *I know certain good things about you, (4) but a bad thing too, (5) so repent. (6) Hear what the Spirit says; (7) the victor shall eat of the tree of life.*

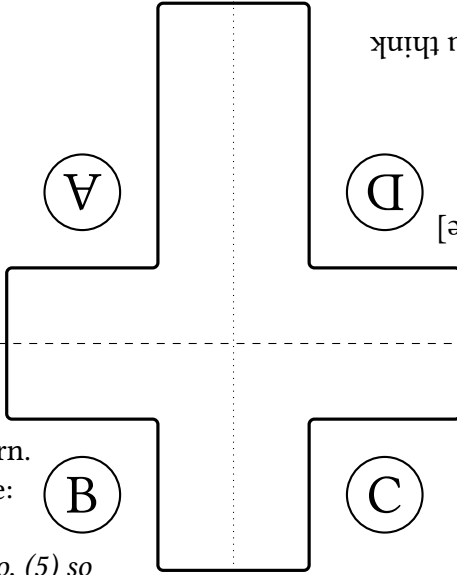
We will focus on the last item. It refers to a victor or overcomer or conqueror. In Christ, all believers are victors; these promises still apply.  
 [spend about 5 minutes on each]

#### Ephesus (2:7)

What does the victor receive? What does this mean? Look back to Genesis 2:9 and look ahead to Revelation 22:2.

#### Smyrna (2:11)

What does the victor receive? Look ahead to Revelation 20:6, 20:14, 21:8 to learn more about this.



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Looking ahead: Next week is Revelation Chapters 4 and 5. Prepare for a glimpse into heaven!

Whoever has ears,  
 let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.  
 (from Revelation 2:7, 2:11, 2:17, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22.)

### Worth remembering

1. Which of the victor sayings resonates the most with you? Why?

2. If John had a message for the church at Figtree, what do you think it would be?

From there to here [spend about 10 minutes on this page]

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#### Pergamum (2:17)

What two things does the victor receive? What does the first mean? Exodus 16:4-36, John 6:25-59 should assist. (Note, commentators are not certain about the exact meaning of the second item.)

#### Thyatira (2:26-28)

A lot is promised to the victors here. Verse 27 quotes Psalm 2:9. 2 Corinthians 2:15-16 and John 20:23 might assist. Look ahead to Revelation 22:16.

#### Sardis (3:5)

Compare with Pergamum. See also Mark 8:38.

#### Philadelphia (3:12)

Again, 'name' features. Look ahead to Revelation 21:22.

#### Laodicea (3:21)

This has been called 'the most majestic reward of all'. What is it? If time permits, read Revelation 7:9-17.

