

Seven
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Study Questions
Revelation 2: 8-11

1. Have you noticed a specific scent in any of your favorite stores or hotels?
2. What is one of the most powerful smells or scents that you associate with a certain time/place?
3. Smyrna smelled both stinky and sweet. How do you think the complexity of these scents informed their worldview?
4. What do you think might be a modern version of a “pinch of incense” for Christians today?
5. While Christians overseas are threatened with physical violence, most Christians in the US face other forms of suffering for their faith. How have you experienced this or seen this in the US?
6. What are some of the ways the church can be tempted to smell like the world around them? What are some common forms this takes?
7. What do you make of the idea that the church should sometimes stink and sometimes smell sweet? What does this look like?
8. Share an episode where the church made you uncomfortable but in hindsight, it was a growth opportunity for you.
9. How do you see the metaphor of squeezing/myrrh play out in suffering for Christians?
10. What do you think our church smells like?