

Dear Ephesus:

The Loveless Church

Revelation 2:1-7

October 27, 2024



Life Groups

Use the questions below to help extend the impact of the weekend message. They are not only useful in your LifeGroup, but try discussing with your family, friends, and co-workers for even greater understanding and spiritual growth.

Prayer: Begin with a prayer focusing on wisdom and understanding as you study God's Word together.

Read: Revelation 2:1-7

Key Themes: Authority, Commendation, Rebuke, Prescription, Warning, Invitation

Discussion Questions:

Verse 1: How does Jesus holding the seven stars, and seven lampstands give us a better understanding about the role Jesus plays in our church?

Verse 2: What does Jesus commend the Ephesian church for? How can we apply these commendations to our own lives and church communities?

Verse 3: How can we better live out endurance and patience so that we do not grow weary in our walk of faith?

Verse 4: What does it mean to forsake your first love? Can you identify times in your life when you felt distant from your initial passion for Christ?

Verse 5: Jesus calls the church to remember, repent, and do the things they did at first. What practical steps can we take to rekindle our love for Christ?

Verse 6: The Ephesians are praised for hating the practices of the Nicolaitans. How can we discern and stand against false teachings today?

Verse 7: What does the promise to the overcomers (eating from the tree of life) signify? How does this promise encourage you in your faith journey?

Personal Reflection: How do you balance good works and maintaining a heartfelt relationship with Jesus? Are there areas in your life where you need to repent and return to your first love?

Community Application: How can our church or small group support each other in maintaining our passion for Christ? What practical actions can we take together?

Living Out Our Faith: How does this passage challenge you to live out your faith more authentically? What changes will you make in your daily life as a result of this study?