

Group Questions – Revelation 1:19-2:7 – First Love

Share a time when you ran out of gas in your car.

Why didn't you get gas before you ran out?

Share a time when you went for a long time without sleep.

What kind of dangers are there to sleep deprivation?

What do you think makes us try to go as far as we can, on as little as we have?

Read – Revelation 1:19 – 2:7

What were the COMMENDATIONS that Jesus gave the church of Ephesus?

What was the REBUKE that Jesus gave the church of Ephesus?

Since they were doing so many good things, why do you think Jesus wanted to point out the ONE BAD THING?

Based on these verses, what seems to be more important to Jesus...

- 1) Doing good things*
- 2) Having a love relationship with Him*

Read – Luke 10:38-42

What was Martha's problem that Jesus pointed out?

What was Mary doing right that Jesus pointed out?

Read – Matthew 7:21-23

What types of good works had these people done?

What was the issue Jesus pointed to as to why these people were not saved?

Why is it dangerous to think, if we are doing more good things than bad things, we are ok?

Explain your understanding of the difference between...
RELIGION and RELATIONSHIP

What do the words “LOVE JESUS” mean to you?

Read – John 14:15

What did Jesus point to as a sign of our love for Him?

So which is most important...

- 1) Doing good things (keeping Jesus' commandments)***
- 2) Having a love relationship with Him***

Is it possible to DO GOOD THINGS... without... LOVING JESUS?

Is it possible to LOVE JESUS... without... DOING GOOD THINGS?

How have you seen your FIRST LOVE of Jesus change through the years?

What factors cause us to leave our FIRST LOVE?

Read – Revelation 2:5

What is Jesus' 3-part solution for anybody who has left their first love?

What reason would we have to return to our first love if we have drifted away?

How can trying to be a Christian, without having a love relationship with Jesus, be much like... trying to DRIVE a CAR with NO GAS, or... trying to WORK HARD with NO SLEEP?

Read – James 4:8 – “***Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.***”

How does James say we can gain a close relationship with God?

CLOSING PRAYER:

- Take time to commit to drawing near to God, and ask God to draw us all close to Him and Jesus in love relationship.