

TEXT: Revelation 2:1-7



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Starting Point - Starting Point is an hour-long class designed to help answer questions about Redeemer and help get you plugged into the church. It is also the first step towards covenant membership. Our next Starting Point class will be Sunday, April 25th from 4-5 PM in the worship center. Childcare and snacks will be provided. Go to redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps to sign up today.
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BIG IDEA: The Church Must Be Marked by Love

Prayer: Cornerstone Community Church - Steve Webb

Revelation 2:1

- Jesus walks among His churches. This is meant to remind us of the Garden of Eden when the pre-incarnate Jesus would walk with Adam and Eve in the garden.
- The church is a downpayment, a glimpse, a foretaste of God getting us back to the Garden of Eden where the Creator and His people can walk together again.
- We must take participation and commitment to the local church seriously. This an eternal civilization. Christ walks with and among His churches. If you want to walk with Christ, you must be part of a local church.

How does this change your view of the local church?

Revelation 2:2-4

- The church has good doctrine but they are not honoring God.
- Jesus says that the world will know we are His by our love for one another.
- It is possible to have great doctrine but no love for Christ.

Do you see yourself falling into this temptation? How can you know you are loving God instead of only knowing things about Him?

Revelation 2:5

- Jesus tells the church they need to repent of their sin.
- It is not enough to preach the gospel but you also have to live the gospel.
- If this church does not repent Jesus is saying he will shut their doors.

Are you struggling with the sin of knowing things about God but not believing what you know about Him? What are the consequences of that sin in your life?

Revelation 2:6-7

- The Nicolaitans taught heresy and the church was right to hate that heresy.
- They must turn from their sin despite the good things they are doing and truly worship God.
- The church ultimately repents of their sin and follows Christ once again.

How can you personally repent and believe the gospel when struggling with the sin of knowing things about God but not living a life that reflects those truths?