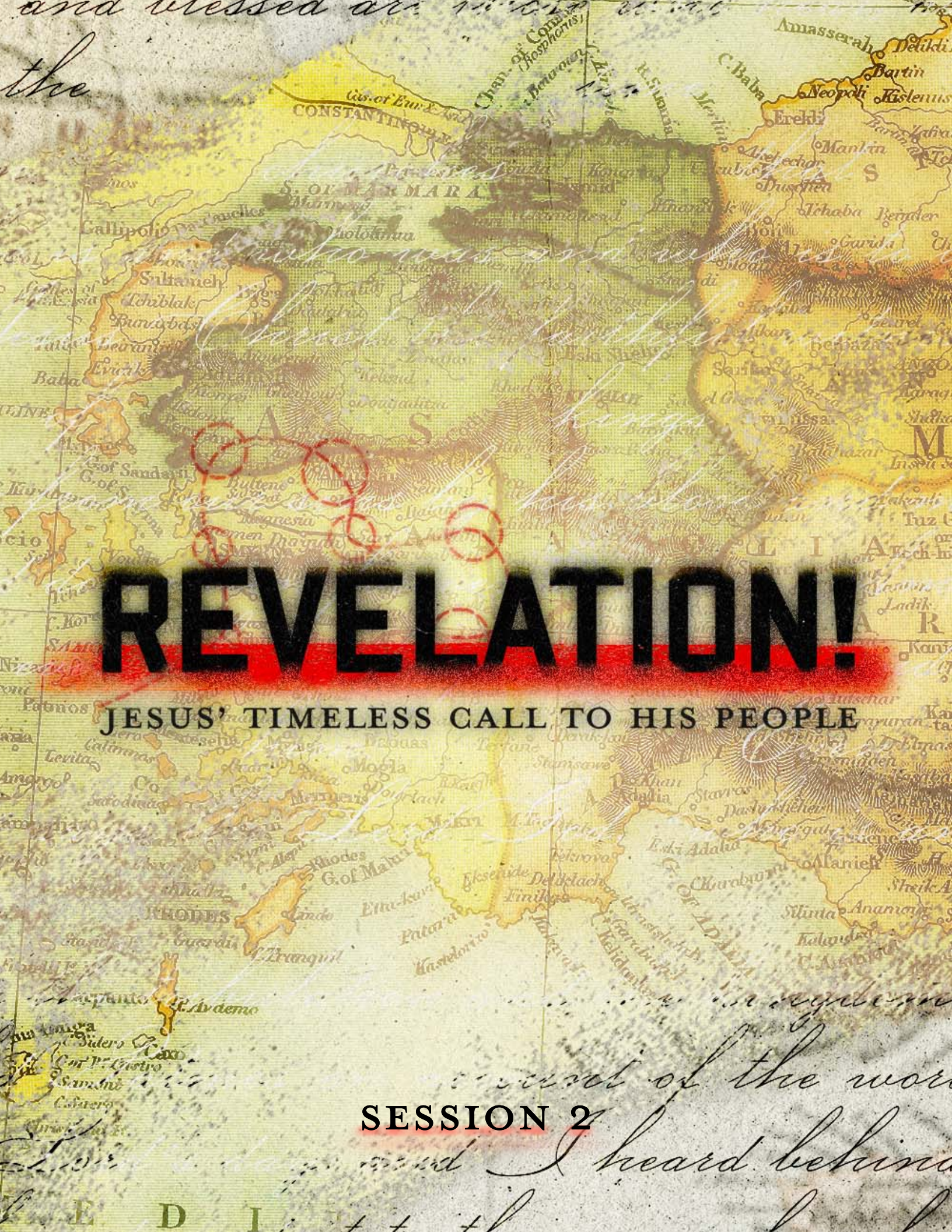

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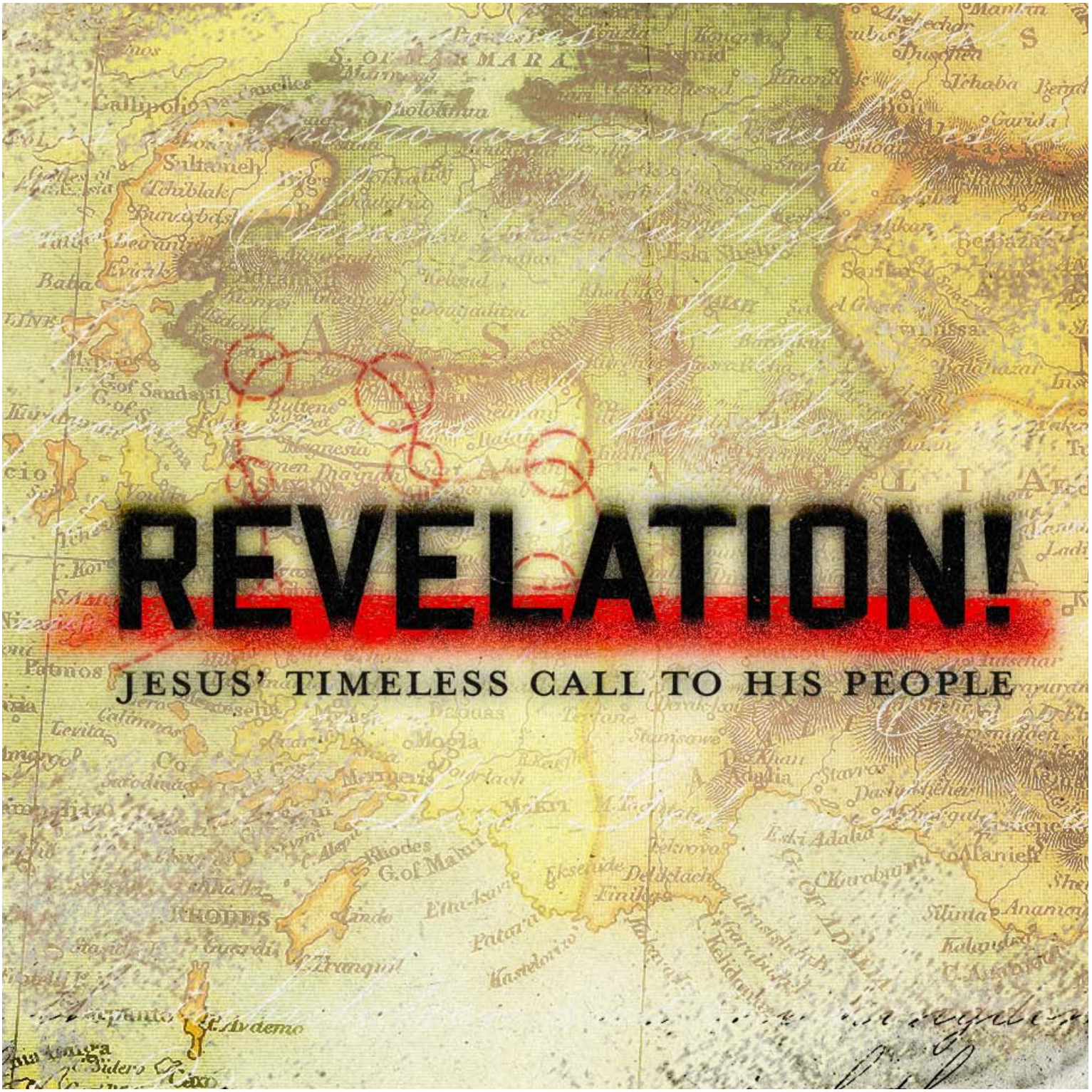
SESSION 2




# SESSION 2

## READ

Take some time in advance to read and consider the Bible study questions and come up with personal examples to encourage discussion.

## WATCH

Make sure everyone can see the screen and the audio is at a comfortable level.

## DISCUSS

We hope those who participate in the study walk away knowing, feeling, and doing differently as a result of amazing discussion.

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## SESSION 2 EPHESUS: THE LOVELESS CHURCH

## INTRO

**What one thing most resonated with or challenged you from the message this Sunday?**

**In your opinion, what is the best love song of all time? Why?**

## WATCH

**What are some key points that stuck out to you in the video?**

## READ & DISCUSS

Read Revelation 2:1-7

**Discuss all the positives Jesus had to say about the church. Would He be able to say the same thing about your Christian life?**

Jesus commends the church of Ephesus by identifying three qualities that reflect his vision for the church and its impact in the world: 1. You serve faithfully 2. You endure patiently 3. You think doctrinally

**Discuss the ways the church at Ephesus has fallen short.**

There have been several theories as to what this meant:
1. It means love for Christ.
2. It means love for one another.
3. It means love for the lost.
4. It combines all three of the above.

**When you first came to faith what did your love for Christ look like? What do you think it means to lose that first love?**

Answers will vary.

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**How do you keep the passion and enthusiasm alive in your life for following Jesus?**

Answers will vary but scripture tells us in Acts 19:17-20 that the church's pursuit of holiness was at the center of their love for God.

## DIVE DEEPER

**Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7**

**Why do you think Paul wrote about love to the Corinthians?**

Some in the church were using their gifts for personal gain instead of building up the entire body. They had left out a crucial element in their service – love – and they needed to be reminded that it doesn't matter what spiritual gift you possess, but the way you use it.

**This love seems so beautiful and simple in this passage. Why is loving like this so difficult?**

**What do the verses 1-3 say about the value of spiritual gifts?**

For a spiritual gift to be of value, it must be accompanied by love. Paul uses hyperbole to teach us how a lack of love nullifies any ability or gift one has. it does not matter what you have or what you do, without love, it is nothing.

**In what practical ways can you show a love that never fails?**

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## BIG IDEA

Sometimes, We read these passages and are tempted to think "I know all of this." The problem is that the church of Ephesus knew all of this too but they had forgotten it. They had forgotten the love they had at first. We must remember our first love that is Christ. Our love for Christ must always be guarded and nurtured, or it will diminish over time.

### BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Read Revelation 2:1-7
Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-7

## GET PERSONAL

If Jesus were to write you a letter telling you to turn back to the way you started, what would be in that letter?

Read 1 Corinthians 4-7, replacing the word love with Jesus. Note some insights of Jesus' love and care for us that you observe from this exercise.