Lost Love: The Church at Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

History of the Church at Ephesus

- A. Paul's 2nd & 3rd Missionary Journeys (Acts 18-19: mid 50's AD)
- B. Paul's Instruction to the Ephesian Elders (Acts 20: mid 50's AD)
- C. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (Eph. 1:15-16, Eph. 3:17, 5:1-2: early 60's AD)
- D. Paul's Instruction to Timothy (1 Tim. 1:3-7: early 60's AD)
- E. John's Message to the Church in Ephesus (Rev. 2:1-7: 90's AD)

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- A. Revelation 2:1-2 Introduction
- B. Revelation 2:3-4 The Commendation
 - 1. The Works of the Ephesians
 - 2. The Purity of the Ephesians
 - 3. The Persecution of the Ephesians
- C. Revelation 2:4-5 The Criticism and Warning

- D. Revelation 2:5 The Solution
 - 1. "Remember"

	2. "Repent"
	3. "Do"
<u>Discussion Questions</u>	
1.	What are some practical ways you can "remember from where you have fallen"? Put another way, what are practical ways you can intentionally think about the love of God during the day/week?
2.	Does the "punishment fit the crime" for the Ephesian church? Why do you think Jesus would remove their lampstand for leaving their first love? Is there other Scripture that relates to this idea? What can we learn from this in our personal lives and for us as a church?
3.	Share a little bit with each other about what your life was like when you first believed the Gospel. How does this inform our application of "do the deeds you did at first?"
4.	It can be difficult to assess if someone has left their first love, especially if they are living outwardly like the Ephesian church. How do we help one another to love God? What are some practical things you have done or can do?