

Ephesus Church: Fall In Love Again (Revelation 2:1-7)

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Revelation 2:1-7 (ESV)

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

“ ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

Group Discussion

- 1) Read Revelation 2:1-7. How does this letter to the church at Ephesus make you feel?
- 2) Jesus says a lot of good things about this church. Name them and talk about them.
- 3) Jesus has one HUGE problem that is actually a fatal flaw. What is that problem and why does it matter above everything else? (Read I Corinthians 13:1-3) Why is it possible to even die for Jesus and have it not mean anything to Him?
- 4) How do we know if we are in love with Jesus? (Explain now how this love is different than just an action)
- 5) Here are 5 ways psychologists tell us we are in love with someone. Relate them to your relationship with Jesus:

- a) "You can't stop thinking about/looking at this person"
- b) "You want everyone else to like this person"
- c) "When they are happy, you are happy, even if you have failed"
- d) "You really miss this person when you are apart"
- e) "Your sense of self is being more fully defined by this person"

6) Jesus will "take their lampstand away" if they cannot return to the love they had at first. What do you think all of this means?
How does this help us to understand more fully if we are close to our "First Love" or not?

7. Prayer and praise