

EPHESIANS

Final Words

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:19-24

Jesus has a keen interest in His church.

(Rev 2:1-2, 7)

- **Jesus watches the church in Ephesus grow.**
(Acts 18:19-21, 19:8-10, 20:17, 28-32)

- **Jesus watches the church in Ephesus die.**
(Rev 2:2-5, 7)

So, how does a healthy, vibrant, hardworking and committed church die?

(Rev 2:6, Eph 4:13-15)

Reflection Questions

- Are you finishing well?
- With your present growth and maturity trajectory, where will you end up?
- Does your balance between truth and love need any adjustment?

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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:19-24



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. How do you see drift happening in the church around the world? What about with the church in Canada?
 - b. What are some of the primary issues involved in the drift?
 - c. In what areas do you see drift for our small group? And what do you suggest we do about that?
 - d. What are some of the best ways to keep us from sliding into irrelevance or ineffectiveness as a small group?
3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you?
5. Revelation 2:4-5 says repent and do the works you did at first. Of what do you need to repent? What do you need to restart, or reprioritize, in order to regain the passion and pursuit of God you had early on in your relationship with Him?
6. How are you personally allowing drift in your understanding of God? In your understanding of the Bible and what it teaches? In your understanding of what God has called the church to be and do?
7. What is the most important next step you could take this week to grow in this area? And how will you hold yourself accountable to take this step?

Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).