

Yours Truly, Jesus: Week 2, Letters To The 7 Churches: Ephesus Dan Jarrell, January 10, 2021 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

- Take some time to look up and read Revelation 2:1-7
- 1. What does Christ celebrate in the church at Ephesus? (v1-3)
- 2. What does Christ hold against the Ephesian church? (v4-6)
- 3. What opportunity or promise exists for "the overcomer"? (v7)

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. The church is either a *garrison*, quick to defend and exclude, or a *gateway*, inviting people into the love of Jesus regardless of their beliefs and circumstances. Why is this sometimes difficult for Christians to grasp and practice?
- 5. Remember what it was like for you to first encounter Jesus' love. Describe this. In what ways have you drifted from some of these first thoughts, feelings, experiences, and zeal? How did that happen? What is the road back to some of these things?
- 6. For whom or what do you feel a burden for this week? Take some time to share with the group and pray together.

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **