# All In with Jordan Easley

### **Ephesus**

Your Search For The Right Church | Week 1 | Revelation 2:1-7

| INTRODUCTION  | NOTES |
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| We're kicking off a series of sermons that we're calling, Your Search for the Right Church, a study of seven churches. In the book of Revelation, there are seven literal churches that God addresses. There are also seven kinds of church members He addresses as well. And over these next several weeks, we're going to see what God had to say to these seven churches. Today, let's start with the church in Ephesus. |       |
| KEY POINTS  |       |
| 1. Remember  Jesus says to the church of Ephesus, "Remember then how far you have fallen." He tells this church to look back and to consider where they'd been. But then He tells them to remember the descent down the mountain. In the original language, it would actually read, "Remember and keep on remembering." This shows continuous action.   |       |
| Jesus was basically saying, "Remember what it was like when you first gave your life to Christ? Do you remember how you wanted to read His Word, talk to the Lord, and share Him with your friends? Do you remember when you loved the Lord more than you loved the things of this world?"  |       |
| He encouraged them to remember these things and to keep on remembering. Keep remembering the sinful life God saved you from. Remember how He forgave you. Remember how He died for you. And this challenge to remember not only applies to this church, but it continually applies to us today.   |       |
| 2. Repent The word "repent" means to "turn back." Jesus was, in a nutshell, telling the church at Ephesus to change their mind. And behind this word was a sense of urgency. He was saying, "Repent now! Don't wait do it now!"   |       |
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| He was encouraging them to turn around and get back on track to get back to where they started. Get back to prayer, reading God's word, sharing your faith, being generous with your resources, and spending time with the Lord. Get back to loving Jesus and His church!   | NOTES |
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| Everything you do as a member of the Church should be motivated by your love for Jesus. And Jesus said your vitality for God and your excitement for God will never be restored until you repent!   |       |
| 3. Repeat The final challenge Jesus gives the church at Ephesus is to "repeat the works you did at first." In other words, go back to your first love. Live like you did when you first started following Jesus. Get back to a place where your heart is on fire and fully surrendered. That's the place Jesus wants us to operate from in our relationship with Him. |       |
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#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

| 1. | What can you learn from the church at Ephesus?   |
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| 2. | What is something in your life that you need to repent of and turn away from?                    |
| 3. | What is a practical way you can repeat the works you did when you first started following Jesus? |
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