



## Group Questions

1. As you look through the characteristics of the seven churches, where do you see similarities to your own walk with the Lord? Where do you see similarities to your local church?
2. How does the description of Jesus in 2:1 give you comfort for the trials in your life?
3. What good deeds do you think God has for you to do? How can your church emulate the Ephesians' diligent efforts?
4. Why do you think Jesus is just as concerned with doctrine as He is with good works? What doctrinal tests would you give to those who want to lead and teach in the local church?
5. Jesus uses strong language for His feelings towards the Nicolaitans. How should we reflect Jesus' heart while still loving our neighbor?
6. How does Jesus' holy jealousy for the Ephesians expose religious legalism as inadequate? Do you find that you obey out of love for Christ or simply because it is what you are supposed to do? How do we know the difference?
7. How can/should you apply the threefold prescription to remember, repent, and return?
8. Reflect on when you first fell in love with Christ. What works marked that period of time in your spiritual journey?
9. How would you explain what it means to be a "victor" or conqueror in the Christian life?
  - a. Why do you think this seems so hard to attain / maintain?
10. What makes paradise wonderful, from a biblical perspective, and how does this contrast with popular conceptions of heaven?