



COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week of 8/10/25

Opener (10 minutes or less)

If you had a personal mascot, what animal would it be and why?

DISCUSSION (50 minutes or less)

Begin your discussion time in prayer.

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Questions:

1. Does this letter resonate as outdated or as still applicable to the Church today?
 2. What could cause a believer to leave their first love?
 3. Why is remembering their former state of love a crucial first step? What does it mean for a church to "do the works [they] did at first?"
 4. What can cause a character strength (like doctrinal purity) to become a character flaw?
 5. What are some of the ways your group or church demonstrates these same qualities today? Where are you excelling, and what is a specific challenge that you've overcome?
 6. The chapter ends with a promise to "the one who conquers" that he will be given "to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God" (v. 7). What does this promise signify for the individual believer? How does this promise connect to the original story of humanity in Genesis?
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PERSONAL (30 minutes or less)

1. Oikos - the 8 to 15 people God supernaturally and strategically places in your life. Any oikos moments you would like to share..
2. What is going on in your life (note prayer requests and praise reports)
3. Pray

Revelation 2:1-7

1 “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.

2 “‘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. **3** I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. **4** But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. **5** 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. **6** Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. **7** 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.’