



NS LIFE GROUPS

7 Letters (week 1)—Ephesus

Revelation 2:1-7

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Main Idea: Jesus' examination, diagnosis, and prescription for the church at Ephesus has application for us today.

Icebreaker: Have you ever been in love with someone? What was that experience like when you are in love?

Study:

Jesus had a message for the church at Ephesus. He examined them, diagnosed what was good and bad about them, and then gave a prescription for overcoming what he said wasn't good.

Read Revelation 2:1-7 and discuss using the following questions.

- 1. Jesus praised the Ephesians for their hard work, perseverance, and that they could not tolerate wicked people? (v. 2-3)**
 - What does hard work look like for a Christ follower? What does the opposite look like?
 - What does perseverance look like for a Christ follower? What does the opposite look like?
 - What does it practically look like for a Christian to not tolerate wicked people?
- 2. Jesus then spoke against the church at Ephesus because "you have forsaken the love you had at first." (v. 4)**
 - What does this look like outwardly for a Christian to drift away from a deep love for God?
 - What causes a Christian to drift away from fully loving God?
 - What can you do to try to prevent that drift?
- 3. Jesus then gave the Ephesians a prescription for getting right with God: "Consider" and "Repent." (v. 5)**
 - For someone whose love for God has waned from what it once was, what do they need to "consider" or remember?
 - When considering the command to "repent and do the things you did at first," what do you think that involves?

Application:

- 1. Look back at the three things Jesus praised the church at Ephesus for, and think about your life. Would Jesus be able to praise you for those same things? Why or why not? What needs to change in your life?**
- 2. Consider the idea of losing the love you once had for God. How would you honestly describe your current love and affection for God in this season of your life? Why?**
- 3. What step of obedience do you need to take after this lesson?**

Close your group time with prayer for each other's prayer requests and with some intentional time of praying that everyone in your group would grow deeply in their love for God.