

“Ephesus: You Have Lost Your First Love”

Revelation 2:1-7

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Three parts of Jesus' letter...

1. The Positives

The church at Ephesus:

1. Worked Hard
2. Persevered
3. Exercised Discernment
4. Hated what God Hated

2. The Problem: “You have left your first love”

3. The Possibilities

3 Steps to Restoration:

1. Remember
2. Repent
3. Do the 1st Works!

Has there ever been a time when you loved Jesus more than you do today?

Questions for Individual Application and Group Discussion:

1. The letter to the Ephesians is about our “first love.” Just for fun, have one or two members of your group share about their first crush or (if a married group) the story of how they met their wife/husband and fell in love.
2. Christ knew everything about the church at Ephesus and He knows everything about every member of our church too! How do you think He would describe ...
 - your labor?
 - your patience/perseverance?
 - your response to those who practice evil?
 - your discernment/testing of teaching in the church?
3. Where does God commend the Ephesians? Where would He commend our church?
4. Where does God criticize the Ephesians? Where would He criticize our church?
5. What can lead a believer to forsake their “first love” of God and others? Describe the process whereby you have seen this happen in others’ lives or in your own life?
6. How can we regain our first love? What “first works” (v.5) did we do at the beginning of our Christian life that maybe we have forgotten or drifted away from that we need to reclaim?
7. According to this text, why does it matter if a church regains (or doesn’t) their first love?