

Group/Individual Study

Series - Dear Church: Letter to the church of Ephesus

Passages: Revelation 2:1-7

REFLECT on the message heard on Sunday, 10/7

1. What are the relational and spiritual dangers of a busy lifestyle?
2. Jesus has many words of praise for this church. What does He commend them for?
3. What fatal flaw does He see? Why is this so important to Jesus?
4. What can cause your first love for Jesus --- that enthusiastic passion you had when you understood the gospel --- to leak away? Have you ever experienced this? What happened to drain that first love?
5. What do you think Jesus means by, "Remember the heights from which you have fallen?" How can this help any relationship? How can this help you spiritually?
6. What do you think Jesus means by, "Do what you did at first?" How can this help a relationship? How can it help your relationship with Christ?
7. If your first love for Jesus was ever drained and then reignited, share with the group how you returned to a sense of love and passion for Christ. What helped? Does it parallel Christ's prescription for the Ephesians?
8. The Nicolaitans taught that it was fine to be a Christian AND worship in the various pagan religions that filled Ephesus. Jesus commends the Ephesians for hating this brand of teaching and practice. Why do you think this was (and is!) such a big deal to worship Jesus only and not make Him part of a religious smorgasbord we partake in?