



Theme: ReThinking Church

Returning to Your First Love

Revelation 2:1-7

¹*To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:*

The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this:

² *'I know your deeds and your labor and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil people, and you have put those who call themselves apostles to the test, and they are not, and you found them to be false;* ³ *and you have perseverance and have endured on account of My name, and have not become weary.* ⁴ *But I have this against you, that you have left your first love.* ⁵ *Therefore, remember from where you have fallen, and repent, and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and I will remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.* ⁶ *But you have this, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.* ⁷ *The one who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes, I will grant to eat from the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.'*

Discussion Guide:

1. When did you know Christ as your Lord and Savior? What changes in your life occurred after you have surrendered your life to Christ?
2. Have you ever been rebuked or corrected before? How was that conflict resolved?
3. Talk about the growth in your love for God. Share how your love for Him led you to serve him in the ministry you are in right now.
4. As you read the Word of God and know Christ more, in what ways do you think He is leading you to obey and serve Him?

Prayer Points:

1. Thank God for the life that he has given you and the salvation he has give through his Son Jesus.
2. Pray that God would speak to you through the reading of his Word everyday.
3. Pray that God would lead you to opportunities to serve Him.
4. Pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we as a church would commit to loving Him and loving one another despite our differences.