



FLATIRONS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Seven Churches Week 1

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// **Bible References:** Revelation 2:1-7, Ephesians 2:8, Ephesians 6:11, Ephesians 3:21, Acts 19, Acts 20, Revelation 2:1-5, John 5:39, Luke 10:4, Matthew 6:21

// **Community Question:** Are you someone who likes spoilers, or do you prefer to be surprised? Why?

// Discussion Questions

1. Spiritual drift is something that happens gradually through 'a thousand small decisions' rather than one big moment of rebellion. What are some everyday habits or distractions that can slowly pull someone away from their relationship with Jesus without them even noticing?
2. In Revelation 2:4, Jesus tells the church in Ephesus, 'I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.' How is it possible for someone to be doing all the right ministry opportunities — serving, attending church, defending truth — and still be distant from Jesus?
3. Karl draws a contrast between Martha and Mary in Luke 10:41-42, where Jesus says, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary.' What is the difference between being busy "for" Jesus and doing life "with" Jesus, and why does that distinction matter so much?
4. Whatever has your deepest affection becomes your true first love, and points to Matthew 6:21 — 'Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' How do you identify what actually holds first place in your heart, even if you wouldn't expect the answer?

// **Challenge:** Karl closes with Jesus' three-word prescription in Revelation 2:5 — 'Remember. Repent. Return.' He emphasizes that this is not about earning your way back or performing better, but about coming home like a child who knows they belong. This week take some time to sit with Jesus and practice:

- **Remember:** Reflect on a time when you felt close to Jesus and thank Him for His faithfulness.
- **Repent:** Ask God to reveal anything that has become more important than Him and surrender it.
- **Return:** Re-engage in one practice that once helped you connect with Jesus (prayer, worship, Scripture, journaling, solitude, etc.).