

Revelation

God's Promises Fulfilled



Key Scriptures

“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2 I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. 3 You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. 5 Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. 6 But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

7 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

REVELATION 2:1-7 (NIV)

TALK IT OVER

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What are some rules that drive you nuts when they are broken?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What are some reminders that God loves you?
- What are some ways that you love God?
- What is more important to you...the main idea or the details? Why?
- In faith, does the prior question change?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- What does John mean in Revelation 2:4?
- The church in Ephesus was doing a bunch of stuff right but forgot their first love...have you ever forgotten what your faith was all about because you were too busy thinking about the details?

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Lord, Jesus, Help us remember you in our daily walk and our daily lives. Help us find ways to put you first and worship you in spirit. Reveal to us the Truth so that our lives may more fully reflect your image in the world around us. Amen

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Be specific - What are ways that we can remember our first love (the love of God)?
- How can the group pray for you this week?