



# HTC SMALL GROUP

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** Forsaken Your First Love?

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**Scripture:** Revelation 2

**Speaker:** Pastor Rod Randall

1. When you hear the phrase “first love,” what comes to mind? Any stories of forsaking your first love or being forsaken?

### **READ 2:1-7**

2. Why is a “golden lampstand” a fitting symbol for a church?
3. The Ephesians are commended for their “deeds,” “hard work” and “perseverance.” They have also “endured hardships” for Jesus. Can you think of any other Bible verses that paint a similar picture of being a Christ follower? How does your walk with the Lord compare?
4. The Ephesians stood their ground against wicked men and false practices. Do you think the same is true of the church today? Have you ever had to do this?
5. What does the phrase, “forsaken your first love mean?” Have you felt you’ve done this in your walk with the Lord?
6. What steps are needed for the Ephesians to get back on track?

### **READ 2:8-11**

7. The church of Smyrna is described as being afflicted and poor, yet rich. How can these opposites be true?
8. How can this passage shape our outlook on suffering?

### **READ 2:12-17**

9. How is the city of Pergamum described? Comparisons to any modern-day cities?
10. Why is a double edged sword a fitting description for the tongue of Jesus? See also Rev. 1:16. Any personal stories of how the Word of God has defended you or cut through your excuses and hard heart?

### **READ 2:18-29**

11. Verse 18 commends the church of Thyatira with some impressive words and ends with “now doing more than you did at first.” How does that statement motivate and/or convict you?
12. What does the judgment on Jezebel and those who follow her tell us about our God?
13. Jesus begins each church address with “I know.” Why is this said and how should it impact our ministries and lives?
14. What verses really spoke to you from this week’s discussion?