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**A Church With No Love**

Revelation 2:1-7

**Key Truth:** Jesus Christ must have priority and preeminence in our lives, even over good things like ministry.

**A Correct Understanding Of The Church:**

1. The church is both invisible and visible.

2. The church is both universal and local.

3. Jesus places a high priority on the visible and local

 expression of the church.

**The Character Of The Church In Ephesus:**

1. They were doctrinallysound.

2. They were known for good works.

3. They were an enduring church.

4. They were a loveless and passionless church.

**Principles To Live By:**

1. Our good deeds are never to be motivated by duty but

 love for Jesus.

2. Your love for Jesus Christ is demonstrated in your love

 for the body of Christ.

3. When confronted with the truth, repentance is the only

 option.

4. Don’t become desensitized to the Word of God.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Pursue a passionate relationship with Jesus Christ above all. Don’t let “doing” for Jesus become more important than “loving” Jesus.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Have you ever gone through a season of relationship with God where you felt like you were just going through the motions?

Revelation 1:12-16 lets us know the “One” in 2:1 is Jesus. What is Jesus pictured doing in 2:1? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is intimately involved in the life of our church?

Read Revelation 2:5-7: From verses 5a and 7a what was the prescription Jesus gave the church at Ephesus?

How is remembering helpful? What specifically did Jesus want them to remember?

What does it mean to repent? Why is that a vital part of maintaining Jesus as our priority over ministry and other good things?

Read Revelation 2:5-7: How do you define “repentance”? What does it look like for a follower of Christ to repent?

Read Revelation 2:5: What does it mean for Jesus to remove a church’s lampstand? Can a church still function without the presence and power of Jesus? Why or why not?

Is it possible to be successful at work and keep Jesus as your first love? To be a good parent? To use your gifts to the best of your ability to serve the church? How so?