



THEME: Hear what the Spirit says to the churches!

MEMORY VERSE: Revelation 1:3

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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TEACHING PASSAGE: Revelation 2:1-7

See the **next page** for any additional resources, including any activities that can be done with young children.

Discussion Questions:

1. How is Jesus described to the church at Ephesus and what did Jesus know about this church and what have they done for Him? (verses 1-3)
2. In verse 2 this church dealt with false teaching how do we discern if there is false teaching? (1 John 4:1-6, 1 Thessalonians 5:21)
3. Although Ephesus was commended for what they did for Christ they now are rebuked for what reason? (verse 4)
4. How are they encouraged to correct what they have abandoned and if not, what are the consequences? (verse 5)
5. Just as the Lion of Judah conquered as the slain Lamb, we to are to conquer evil with the help of the Holy Spirit, what reward are we promised? (verse 7)

Additional Resources

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“To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

²“ ‘I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. ³I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. ⁶Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’

Activity

1 John 4:19 (ESV)

19 We love because he first loved us.

What was once a love relationship cooled into mere religion.

Surrounded by paganism and false teachers, the Ephesian church would have had ample opportunity to correct false doctrine and confront heretical teachers. If they did so for any reason other than love for Christ and a passion for His truth, however, they would have lost their way. Instead of pursuing Christ with the devotion they once showed, much like a bride who follows her groom “through the desert” (Jeremiah 2:2), the Ephesians were in danger of falling away from Christ completely. This is why He warns those who have “ears to hear” to prove the reality of their salvation by returning to Him and rekindling the love that had begun to cool. No doubt there were among the Ephesians those whose profession was false and whose hearing had become dulled. He warns the rest not to follow them, but to repent and return to Him with the passion they once had for Him.

Ask: Who is dictating the message to the church of Ephesus?

Ask: What were some of the praises for the church of Ephesus, what were they doing well? (verses 2-3)

Ask: Verse 4 starts with “but”, what has the church forgotten?

Read 1 John 4:19

Ask: What was the warning that was given to the church of Ephesus? (verse 5)

Discus: With recent events and the upcoming election in mind, can you think of any examples of someone working so hard to do the “right thing” that one might forget about loving Jesus and others along the way? Have you ever lost, even if briefly, your passion for Jesus and love for others?

Pray for a revival in the hearts of our church family.

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1 JOHN 4:19