

EPHESUS

Revelation 2. 1-7

BACKGROUND:

At the time of this writing the church at Ephesus had a population of nearly a quarter of a million people. It was considered the commercial center of Asia Minor. The temple of Artemis, located in Ephesus, was one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. The apostle Paul had done some of his most successful Christian work in Ephesus. So many people were converted to Christ that almost overnight the church became one of the greatest influences in city, and soon became one of the most famous churches in the world. It became known as the mother church of Asia Minor. (Halley's Bible Handbook)

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- 1. What are some dangers of losing your zeal for Christ?*
- 2. How does one identify false teaching/teachers?*

SCRIPTURE LESSON – Revelation 2. 1-7

Background Scripture: Acts 19. 17-20

Destination:

Revelation 2. 1

Strengths:

Vv. 2, 3

Weakness:

V. 4

Solution:

Vv. 5, 6

Promise:

V. 7

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does one keep the passion and enthusiasm alive in their life for following Jesus?

2. How do false teaching/teachers lead us away from our First Love?

3. What steps should be taken to remain faithful and true to our First Love?

4. Describe the consequences one might encounter when they do not remain faithful to Christ?

Closing:

WHAT AM I TO DO? / Life Application

**Next Week: Revelation 2. 8-11
The Church at Smyrna**