



THE BOOK OF
REVELATION
UNTIL HE COMES

REVELATION 2:1-7

GROUP RESOURCE

OVERVIEW

SERMON

SCRIPTURE

DISCUSSION

PRAAYER

OVERVIEW

It's no mystery that the book of Revelation can feel intimidating and confusing. A simplified understanding of Revelation is this, how could the Christians in the first century remain faithful to Jesus even when faced with persecution and death?

Hope. Hope in what? Hope in Jesus. The book of Revelation helps Christians stand firm because we know how it ends, that Jesus will be victorious in the end. The book of Revelation provides the perfect end to the Bible's grand story of God and humanity.

SERMON

EPHESIAN CHURCH: RIGHT, YET STILL WRONG

1. Why is it so easy to fall into "if you can think rightly, and can define and defend the truth, Jesus is pleased with me?"
2. What is one way you've let unloving Duty/legalism sneak in?
3. What is one big event/part of your "rescue Story?"

SCRIPTURE

REVELATION 2:1-7 ESV

¹ “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. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. ⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. ⁵ Remember 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. ⁶ Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. ⁷ He 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.’

DISCUSSION

1. What does it mean to “abandon the love you Had at first?”
2. What does repentance mean?
3. What are the “works you did at first?”

PRAYER

- Take time to pray over peoples needs

GUIDED CLOSING PRAYER:

Jesus, remind us of when You first rescued us. How overwhelming it was to realize we have been forgiven of much.

May we continue to come back to our first love and to operate out of that.

Amen.