

Revelation 2:1-7  
The Church at Ephesus

The role of Jesus in the local church:

We must answer to Him (Ephesians 1:22-23/Acts 20:28)

Walking in our midst (Matthew 18:20)

The character qualities we need to foster and develop:

Good deeds / Hard work / Perseverance / Not growing weary (Galatians 6:9-10)

Growing in these areas??? How? (Hebrews 6:10-12)

The uncompromising stand we must take:

To not tolerate wicked men (I Corinthians 5:1-6)

To test and expose false teaching (I Thess. 5:21-22 / Acts 17:11 / I John 4: 1-6)

To hate the practices of the Nicolaitans (Romans 12:3-5)

The thing we must never forsake:

Our first love

When was the last time you were overwhelmed by His love?

When was the last time you were broken over your sin? (James 4:8-10)

We must grow in His love (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Ritual, regulation and rules or Response? (Isaiah 1:13)

The same old routine or Deeper and more meaningful?

Our need

Recognizing how far we have fallen

Were you ever there? Brokenness and tears – wonder and joy?

Where are you now? (John 15:5)

Ready to return? (Hosea 14:1-2)

REPENT

Returning to first things

Wanting to spend time with Him (Philippians 3:10)

Wanting to learn and grow (II Peter 3:18)

Wanting to share with others (Philippians 1:18)

The promise He holds out for us:

To eat from the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:22 / Revelation 22:1-3)

To be with Him in Paradise

Discussion questions for Revelation 2:1-7

How does the role of Jesus in the local church impact your attitude and behavior in church?  
(Numbers 4:20/Hebrews 10:19-22)

How can we develop hard work and perseverance (not growing weary) in our service to the Lord?  
Hint: What things are you willing to work hard for? (I Corinthians 15:58)

How can we recognize false teaching? How do we prepare ourselves to not be seduced by false teachers? (II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-4:5)

How would you describe your relationship with Jesus? What are the signs that your relationship with Him is doing well or is struggling? How can you grow this relationship? (II Peter 1:5-11)

What are you longing for? (Colossians 3:1-4 / II Timothy 4:8)