

Read through Revelation 2:1-17

What stands out to you from the text and/or sermon?

Each of the seven letters are directed to the "angel" of the church. What do you think this is referring to – a church leader, a spiritual guardian angel ...? What are the implications of each?

Read Acts 19:21-41 What does this tell you about the city and how that impacted the Christians?

Share how you came to faith and what it was like at first?

Have you seen your faith wain, and if so in what ways?

The Ephesians are told to repent and do what they did at first. What would you like to revive in your life?

In 142 years Olivet has gone through a lot of pressure and persevered. What could bring us down?

What would you say the Spirit would want to say to Olivet as a church?

Jesus describes himself to the church as "the first and the last, who died and came to life." Why would this description be particularly meaningful to the church in Smyrna?

What do you think is meant by the hidden manna and a white stone?

One of the challenges to living in the world is to live in such a way that we are a transforming presence, not embracing the world's values. Give examples from your life where you have seen both these dynamics at play.

Pray for one another especially in support of getting back to a first love.