

## Revelation 2:1-7

"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.

<sup>2</sup> "'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. <sup>3</sup> I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary. <sup>4</sup> But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. <sup>7</sup> 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.'

## THE 7 CHURCHES | EPHESUS

1. Looking at all 7 letters, we see the repeated phrase, 'I know'. What does this phrase say about Jesus' relationship with the church?
2. What does the account in Acts 19:17-20 tell us about the church's radical response to the Gospel?
3. What does Revelation 2:1-3 tell us about the strengths of this church?
4. What did this church need to repent of (Revelation 2:4-5)?
5. How might its strengths be the cause of its failures?
6. Each letter ends with "to him who overcomes"...what does it mean for God's people to overcome?

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### APPLY IT

7. Describe your experience when you first came to Christ  
(2-5 min. testimony)

- How did you feel at the time?
- Who was instrumental?

8. How has your relationship with Christ changed over the years?

9. Can you think of a time where it seemed you lost your first love for Christ?

10. How do you keep your passion for Jesus alive?