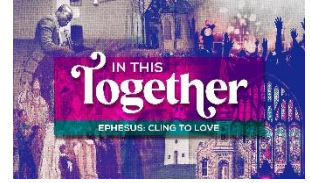


## In This Together: Ephesus

# Cling to Love

Revelation 2:1-7

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### Opening Thought Question:

What are the patterns and attitudes of the Church that Jesus affirms, and what are the patterns and attitudes that Jesus corrects or redirects?

### Overview of the 7 Churches

### Helpful Reminders for the reception of letters...

### Patient, Faithful, and Long Endurance (2:2-3,6)

*What does Jesus commend?*

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Further Discovery reminder: Research the Nicolaitans.

### Holding Fast to Jesus (4-5)

*What does Jesus redirect?*

- 1.

Further Discovery reminder: Read Philippians 2 this week.

### Overcome with the Overcomer (7)

**Next Week: "In this Together-Smyrna: Embrace Discomfort" Rev. 2:8-11**

### Further Study

Ephesians  
Rev. 1-3

Eph. 2:10

Jer. 2:2  
SoS 8:5  
Matthew 5:14-16  
Philippians 2

Jn. 16:33

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In This Together: Ephesus</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Cling to Love</b></p> <p>Next Steps: Home-Group Study and/or Personal Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>Revelation 2:1-7</p>
<p><b>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</b></p> <p>Start with <b>Prayer</b> -ask Jesus to guide our time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p><b><u>Read the Text</u></b> – Revelation 2:1-7</p> <p><b><u>Questions for Reflection &amp; Discussion:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After reading the text, journal or discuss the qualities in the Ephesus Church that Jesus affirms. What is the good that characterizes the Church? How do these qualities persist in our congregation today?</li> <li>2. What is it that Jesus is seeking to correct? What does the church need to repent of? Define, describe, and discuss what it might look to abandon our first love.</li> <li>3. Identify the idols of our present age, demanding our allegiance. What might it look like to increase our awareness of their presence and influence? Then, we often speak of individual or personal repentance, but these letters are written to communities, where collective repentance is in view. What might it look like for a church body to repent or turn away from the cultural, social, or political idols and trappings of its day?</li> <li>4. What does Jesus say that he will do if the church is unrepentant and continues to neglect the works they were given to do? (vs. 5)</li> <li>5. How does the example of Jesus (mind &amp; attitude) lay the framework for the church to overcome and truly shine with effect in the world that God has planted and established us in? (Philippians 2).</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Questions guiding Spiritual Formation &amp; Application:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How does this text invite us to grow in a greater love for God?</li> <li>2. What lessons within this text move us towards growing in our love for one another?</li> <li>3. What principles could be applied to our family life, careers, communities, or congregational life?</li> <li>4. Consider how Jesus could use our application of the principles in this text to draw those that do not know him, unto himself?</li> <li>5. Who is currently in our lives that needs an invitation to meet Jesus or be part of a kind and gracious Christian community?</li> </ol>	<p><b><u>Further Study</u></b></p> <p>Ephesians Rev. 1-3 Eph. 2:10 Jer. 2:2 SoS 8:5 Matthew 5:14-16 Philippians 2 Jn. 16:33</p> <p><b><u>Prayer Requests</u></b></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>