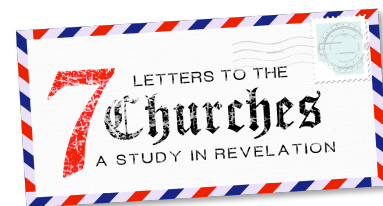


Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, May 10, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to Ephesus, Jesus reminds them of his abiding presence and authority, commends them for their commitment to truth, invites them to recover their first love, and encourages them to faithfully endure until he returns with his promised reward.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who are the “angels” of the seven churches?
- Describe the basic structure or pattern of the letters.
- What does verse 1 reveal about Jesus Christ and his relationship to the Church? Explain what his “right hand” signifies.
- How does Jesus commend the church at Ephesus (verses 2-3, 6)? Like the Ephesians, how do we protect the church from evil, false teachers?
- What flaw does Jesus expose, and what three-fold remedy does he prescribe them? What consequence will their local church suffer if they don't heed Jesus' warning?
- Have you abandoned your first love? How does the gospel help us recover (and sustain) our first love?
- Explain the danger of pursuing truth apart from loving God and others. How do we effectively pursue biblical truth in love?
- What part does the Holy Spirit play with these letters?
- Who are the “conquerors”? How do they faithfully endure (Revelation 5:6-10, 12:11, and what award awaits them (Genesis 2:9, Revelation 22:2, 14)?