

### THE PROUD RESUME OF A DYING CHURCH

**Revelation 2:1-7** 



# OUTLINE

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- 1. Measure your love first.
- 2. Love and do the works of love.
  - a. Remember
  - b. Repent
  - c. Work

#### **READ** Revelation 2:1-7

#### **OBSERVE**

- 1. How does Jesus describe himself in this letter, and how might that description be relevant to his message? (1)
- 2. What is the church in Ephesus doing well? (2-3, 6)
- 3. What is wrong at the church in Ephesus? (4)
- 4. What will happen if the church does not repent? (5)

#### **INTERPRET**

- 1. What causes our love to grow cold in our service to God?
- 2. What things might we remember about Jesus and his love for us that would keep our love from growing cold?

# ASSESS

- 1. Consider the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23)
  - a. When and how have you seen the fruits of the spirit showing up in your life this past week?
  - b.In what situations were the fruits of the Spirit not showing up?
- 2. How do you consistently remember God's love for you?
- 3. When have you found yourself trapped in emotionless service or loveless orthodoxy? How did you repent from it?
- 4. In what ways are you doing works of love for God and his people? Where could you be growing in works of love?

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Weekly Reading Plan

Matthew 9
John 13:31-15:17
John 15:18-17:26
Romans 12
1 Corinthians 13

#### **NOTES**



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### **MUTUAL MINISTRY**

#### **APPLY**

- 1. How do you need to adjust the way you measure your own spiritual growth in light of Jesus' message to the church in Ephesus?
- 2. What rhythms can you adopt to consistently remember God's love for you?
- 3. How might you need to repent from emotionless service and loveless orthodoxy?
- 4. What works of love is God calling you to step into this week to serve him and his people?
- 5. Are there any other steps of obedience God is calling you to from the sermon?



