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Main Idea: God must be our utmost affection.

Breaking the Ice

- What is something that you are intensely passionate about?

Excavating the Truth

- Reread Col 3:2; 1 Pt 1:8; Ps 26:10; Rev 2:1-7
- How do our first three passages relate our affections to the corrective action necessary in Revelation 2:1-7?
 - Colossians 3:2
 - 1 Peter 1:8
 - Psalm 26:8

Applying the Truth Personally

- When I first fell in love with Christ what marked that period in my spiritual journey? (emphasis on affections not circumstances)
- What is one area of my life that displays greater affection on earthly realities than heavenly realities?
- What step should I take to cultivate passion for God in my life this week?

Applying the Truth Congregationally

- Does our weekly gathering manifest an affectionate worship of God? Why or Why not?
- How can we as a church keep each other accountable in having proper affections when going through trials?

Digging Deeper

- Go to Psalms and journal the locations you see the Psalmist expressing or stating a passion for God and His Word. Choose to memorize 1 to 5 of those verses.
- Compare Revelation 2:1-7 with Paul's letter to the Ephesians and write down the ways losing their first love would have impacted the church.
- Read Treatise of Affections by Jonathan Edwards.

Looking Ahead to Next Sunday

- Pray for our Missionary Roger Bergman and his family as they will be with us.