



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

May 12, 2019
Revelation 2:1-7
“Ephesus: The Loveless Church”

QUESTIONS

(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)

1. ICEBREAKER: Tony spoke about how hard it is to hide that you love something or someone. What is something (food, sports team, hobby, etc.) that, once you get started, you can't stop talking about?
2. The study of the truth can and should lead to love for Christ and one another. When is a time that you learned something and it immediately drove you to love someone more?
3. The Ephesian church was commended for three things, their works, their endurance, and their commitment to sound doctrine. If IDC was being evaluated, what would we be commended for? For what might we be corrected?
4. Revelation 2:2 says, “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.” How is this message of “intolerance” in opposition to the overly-tolerant teachings of the world around us?
5. The Ephesian church did not grow cold overnight; it is likely that this coldness was due to a “slow drift.” What measures can we put into place to avoid this slow drift into coldness towards God?
6. Tony mentioned that Pastor Brian Chappell writes, “love the people” at the top of his sermon notes, to remind himself to love his congregation by the way he preaches. Do you use any reminders like this? What visual reminders could you use to remind you to “love the people” around you?
7. Tony spoke about the two ends of the spectrum, cold orthodoxy and sentimental ignorance. Which way are you more prone to err? How do we protect against both extremes?
8. Tony said, “We need an informed mind and an enflamed heart.” What things you can do which enflame your heart? What are things that inform your mind? Are there any things that do both for you?