Week Two - The Church in Ephesus

Intro: What was one takeaway you had from Pastor Ken's devotional online? If you heard the sermon, how does that impact your takeaway?

Scripture Reading: Take some time to read through Revelation 2:1-7 as a group out loud. What was significant to you after hearing it?

Questions:

1. What resonates (or doesn't resonate) with you as you read this passage? Do you have some mannerisms in your life that you can understand from the church of Ephesus?

2. There were many good things that Christ pointed out that the church was doing well: they worked hard, rooted out false teaching, and persevered in the face of hardship. What does it look like to do this well for our church in a modern context?

3. What do you think Jesus means when he tells the church, "You have forsaken your first love?" Have you had personal experience with something like this?

4. What does it take to rekindle a passion for Jesus and His Church? What are some steps you need to take to bring back to life your love for Him and others?

Action Step

A key theme of the church of Ephesus is rigidity and stubbornness in what they have always done. Take some time to reflect this next week in the things that you've done for Christ and the Church over the years. Does it feel like you're stuck in what you're doing? Have you lost sight of your first love? Confess that to someone if you haven't already, and come up with some ways that you can breath new life into your relationship with Jesus and others.

Closing Actions

Take some time to collect **prayer requests** and **praises**. Write them in a group chat (like your Church Center app messages) so that others can pray if they couldn't make it.

Take some time to announce personal and church events that are coming up! It's a great way to have fun and grow as a group.