

Growth Group Discussion Guide

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First Love Lost

Our Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

Were you able to hear the sermon this week? Access each week's sermon at our website: www.at-onechurch.org. Was there anything that confused you or needs clarification to better understand this week's teaching?

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

What do you feel most grateful for during this quarantine?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read our Scripture, Revelation 2:1-7 together as a group.

One of the images in this week's Scripture is the lampstand. Let's examine a few other instances of lamps appearing in the Bible!

Bible exercise: Lamps in the Bible

1. Assign these scriptures to members of the group.
2. Look up each verse individually.
3. Write down: What might this image of light teach us about God? In a world with electricity, how is it relevant to us today?
4. Read your verse to the group and share your answer to this question.
5. Once everyone has shared, discuss as a group: Which verse most resonates with you? Any verses confuse you?

Revelation 21:23-24 | Psalm 119:105 | Matthew 5:14-16 | 1 Samuel 3:2-4 | Proverbs 6:23 |
1 Kings 15:4 | Psalm 18:28 | Job 29:2-3 | 2 Kings 8:19 |
2 Samuel 22:29-30 | Revelation 22:5

MEDIA MIX - *Christmas Vacation*

<https://youtu.be/iXaw70X7wb4>

- How might this fun clip about Christmas lights tell us about Jesus as the light of the world? The church as the lampstand that holds the light?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Kevin discussed how the church in Ephesus struggles to balance truth and love. Is it easier for you to be truthful or loving? How do you balance truth and love?
2. Kevin explained that Revelation teaches that better days are ahead and pointed. He also pointed to signs in creation of better days ahead. What is currently giving you encouragement right now?

PRAYER REQUESTS and PRAYER TIME

Who needs prayer of comfort and healing this week?

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After praying for prayer requests, consider praying this prayer:

Eternal God, amid all the turmoil and changes of the world your love is steadfast and your strength never fails. In this time of danger and trouble, be to us a sure guardian and a rock of defense. Guide the leaders of our nation with your wisdom, comfort those in distress, and grant us courage and hope to face the future; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Housekeeping

1. Welcome everyone to the group with special attention to any newcomers.
2. Do you have room for new participants? (Group size is best at 11-14 persons) Does anyone know a friend (whether part of Atonement or not) who could be invited to your group? Just making the invitation will tell them you care!
3. How is meeting digitally working for you? Find a technical arrangement that works for you?

4. How are you all holding up? Any pastoral care needs that Marian and the pastors should know about?