

**FULL SEND****A Church That Loves Like No Other**

Revelation 2:1 – 7

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**MESSAGE NOTES**

*To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him who holds the seven stars in His right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. — Revelation 2:1*

*I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for My name, and have not grown weary. — Revelations 2:2 – 3*

*Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. — Revelation 2:4*

*Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place. But you have this in your favor: You hate the practices of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. — Revelation 2:5 – 6*

How can we be a church that passionately loves Jesus?

1. We live with enthusiasm that makes us stand out.
2. We take risks that cost us.
3. We give up personal wants for those in our community

What can we do?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What are two things that stuck out to you from this weekend's message on Revelation?
- When you first read Revelation 2:1 – 7, did anything about it strike you as surprising? Explain why.
- If you regularly undergo a performance review at work, how do you feel when preparing for your review?
- In Revelation 2:2 – 3, why does Jesus begin His assessment of the church in Ephesus the way He does? Why is His approach important?
- What was Jesus primarily concerned about with the church in Ephesus? Why was it important for Jesus to highlight this issue?
- In Revelation 2:7, we read "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." Why is spiritual discernment important?
- If you were to assess your own walk with Christ, what are the areas you feel you are doing well in? What are the areas that need to be strengthened?