

Bible Summary

Love Is King

Jesus gives a Message to the Apostle John while exiled on the Greek Island of Patmos to deliver to the seven churches of Asia Minor. The first message was to the church in the affluent port city of Ephesus. Jesus commends the church for their work, endurance, intolerance of evil, discernment and patient suffering but brings a harsh indictment against them. The church in Ephesus had grown cold in their love for Christ and are exhorted to repent because if a church has not love, it has nothing.

Scriptures – Revelation 2:1-5,

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. The book of Revelation is a vision given to John. Have you been given a vision from the Lord? Would you want to share it?
2. How would it change your daily life to remember that you are held in the strong, secure hand of God? (Revelation 2:1)
3. Is it encouraging for you to know that Jesus commends the church for their hard work, patient endurance, intolerance of evil people, discernment of false teachings and patient suffering for Christ? Would Jesus commend you personally and/or our community group for those five things?
4. As Christians, how important is it to balance intolerance and tolerance? How do you determine what to tolerate and what to be intolerant of?
5. As Christians, how important is it for love to be the motivation to do something rather than duty?
6. Jim talked about a real life illustration of charting a course and getting off even a few degrees can lead to destruction. As Christians, repentance is a lifestyle and a correction of course. How often do you evaluate your course?
7. "It's not that you don't love God, it's that you don't love Him like you used to." Have you lost the presence of God on your journey? What do you need to do differently?

"Getting to Know You" Questions

1. Since we last met, what are a couple things you're particularly thankful for? (Philippians 4:8)
2. What is a challenge you are facing right now?
3. What is one thing you are looking forward to?
4. How can we pray for you this week?