

REVELATION: Study #3

Revelation 2:1-11

WARM UP: Answer one of the following with the group: What is the biggest way you've changed since you were a child? Who has been a spiritual hero in your life?

Questions:

- 1) Read verses 1-3. What commendations did Jesus give to the church of Ephesus? If Jesus were to commend you from this same list, which commendations would He give you? Which would He not commend you for? Why?
- 2) Read verse 4. What was Jesus primary concern with the church in Ephesus? How would you describe a loving relationship?
- 3) Read verse 5-7. Jesus commanded them to repent. What would repentance look like for them?
- 4) Read verses 8-9. What commendations did Jesus give to the church of Smyrna? How could He say they are rich if they are poor (see 1 Peter 1:6-9)? According to this insight, do you see yourself as being rich or poor?
- 5) Read verses 10-11. What encouragement did Jesus give to the church of Smyrna? Is there anyone you know that is in the midst of suffering that you can encourage? What are some practical ways you can encourage them?

APPLICATION:

1. On a scale of 1 to 10 with 10 being the highest, how would you rate your relationship with Jesus? What are some things you may be doing that have caused your relationship with Jesus to become cold and loveless? Is there anything you need to do differently with your relationship with God?