

Grace Group Study Guide
What the Spirit Says to the Church- Ephesus
Revelation 2:1-7

1. Opening:

- What parallels do you see between Ephesus and America?
- What challenges did the Ephesian Church have and how might they be similar to our challenges?

2. Revelation 2:1

- What If God examined our works (individually and corporately) what would HE say?
- How does Jesus reveal Himself? What does this teach us about Him and the church?

3. Revelation 2:2-3

- What good things were happening in the church of Ephesus?
- What does toil and patient endurance mean? How can we apply it to our church?
- What is the importance of testing those who lead the church? What might this look like in the church today? How does this protect the church from false leaders that hurt the cause of Christ? (Acts 20:29-31) What biblical examples help us understand the importance of solid leadership? (2 Cor. 11:13-23; Rev. 2:6; Matt. 7:15; 1 Sam 2:11-17)

4. Revelation 2:4-5

- How can we guard our lives to make sure we maintain our first love? (2 Jn. 4-6)
- If God examined our works (individually and corporately) what would HE say?
- What areas in our lives could benefit from remember, repent, and redo?
- What is the judgment for a heretical and unrepentant church?

5. Revelation 2:6-7

- He who has ears... What are the 3 P's that Jesus uses to teach salvation?
- If we are people who partake of God's promise, are we concerned about those who are not? How might this inspire us to better live out the Great Commission?
- How can the church love the world, maintain sound doctrine, and encourage sound leaders to make sure we are a lampstand with a star?