

Recovering Your First Love
Revelation 2:1-7
Sermon Discussion Questions
September 20, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. In Pastor Jim's introduction, he shared seven ways to tell if your love for someone has grown cold. Although our focus is on God, our relationships with others can often grow cold and show loss of value. Write a list of the relationships you value in your life and indicate which ones have grown cold. Share with the group one relationship that has grown cold and explain how or why it has grown cold. What should you do to better this relationship?
2. Revelation 2:2-3 shares three commendations with us: 1. I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance; 2. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have resisted those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false; 3. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name and have not grown weary. Which one of the commendations do you see yourself in? Share an example of your faithfulness in it.
3. The first thing we should do if we feel complacent in our relationship with Jesus is to remember. Reflect on your conversion in Jesus and the first year of your new relationship with Christ. What items or things did you do that evidenced you were on fire for Christ? What risks did you take without hesitation? Share some moments with the group of your first year or two in relationship with Jesus.
4. Think of your relationship with Christ today compared to your previous response/life with Christ earlier on in your relationship. What has changed? Do you view your relationship growing cold and complacent with God with these changes? What things do you need to repent over in your life? Being obedient to Revelation 2:5, what are some active steps you can take to rekindle your relationship with Jesus.
5. In what ways do you notice complacency in West Michigan and Calvary Church? Pray to God for our city and our church to combat against complacency and the items suggested.