



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: To the Church: Ephesus

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-7

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1. If Jesus were to write a letter to the church today, what would He say? To the global church? To the church in America? To Harbor Trinity Church?
2. Over the next weeks, we will be looking at seven letters written to seven churches. What do you think Jesus will say to them?
3. The letter to the church in Ephesus begins, “The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands” (Revelation 2:1). Whose words are they? What are the seven stars and seven golden lampstands? [Hint: Read Revelation 1:12-20]
4. What does Jesus know about the church in Ephesus (Revelation 2:2-3)? What are the implications for each of the attributes that are listed?
5. What does Jesus know about Harbor Trinity?
6. The church in Ephesus was praised for testing the people who spoke to them to be sure they were genuine. How are people tested and found to be genuine today?
7. “But I have this against you...” (Revelation 2:4) will be said to multiple churches. Is there anything that Jesus would have against the church today (global, America, Harbor Trinity)? How should they lovingly be addressed?
8. Can you remember when you first believed in Jesus? Has your love and zeal increased since then? If so, how? If not, would Jesus say to you, “You have abandoned the love you had at first. Remember therefore from where you have fallen” (Revelation 2:4-5)? If not, why?
9. What is the consequence if the church in Ephesus fails to repent (Revelation 2:5)? Why is this important as we consider what is or is not a church?
10. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” is a repeated phrase in the seven letters. Do you believe that you hear God speaking to you? Why or why not? If you do, how does God speak to you?
11. As with the church in Ephesus, we can see there are constant ways that we are becoming like Jesus (“Yet this you have...”) and there are ways that we must continue to repent (“Yet this I have against you...”). How does your life reflect increased commitment and repentance?
12. May we join in the prayer of the church which began at the end of the book of Revelation. “He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!” (Revelation 22:20). Let’s take a moment to pray together.