



SEVEN LETTERS

A STUDY IN REVELATION

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Week One – Standing in Love

Revelation 2:1-7

Ice Breaker: Share the details of your first crush?

Define passion. Share what are a few passions in your life.

1. How is Jesus identified in verse 1? How does this identification relate to the message presented to the church of Ephesus?
2. What attributes of the church of Ephesus does Jesus commend in verses 2-3? What do you think are strong attributed of CCW? Share a way that your life has been impacted for Jesus because of CCW?
3. What is the first love referenced in Revelation 2:4? Rd vs. 5. What do the people need to do in order to “do the first works?”
4. What is meant by the threat to remove the church’s lampstand unless they repent?
5. Who are the Nicolaitans, what are their deeds, and why does Christ say He hates their deeds?
6. As referenced in verse 7 how can we be an overcomer?



Week Two – Standing in Struggle

Revelation 2:8-11

Ice Breaker: Ice Breaker: We use a phrase “all I could do was laugh.” Share of an experience when something went wrong and all you could do was laugh. Share a recent struggle that God used in your life for good.

1. How does Jesus identify Himself to the church at Smyrna? How does this specific identification relate to the message He has for the church?
2. What are the three things Jesus reports to know about the church at Smyrna in verse 8 and what makes that stand out?
3. Jesus reports to know of the poverty of the church, but reassures the people they are rich. How can this be true? If you have lived in poverty Share a testimony or that season.
4. What does Jesus mean by the blasphemy of the fake Jews and the synagogue of Satan in verse 9?
5. Jesus gives the church numerous promises in verse 10. List and discuss.
6. How does the instruction given to Smyrna differ from that given to Ephesus?
7. What does it mean to not be hurt by the second death? What is the difference in the first death and the second death? Discuss in light of the statement in Hebrews 9:27.



Week Three – Standing in Truth

Revelation 2:13-17

Ice Breaker: Share of a time when you got caught in a lie and what were the feelings and repercussions that came.

Share of a time in which you had to take a stand for the truth.

1. How does Jesus identify Himself to the church at Pergamos?
2. What is the significance of a sharp two-edged sword? Rd Heb. 4:12 What is the significance of the seemingly strange place Jesus carries the weapon?
3. What praise and affirmations does Jesus give the Pergamos church in verse 13?
4. What do we learn about the spiritual condition of the city of Pergamos in verse 13? What would you do if you lived in a city that carried such a reputation? It says even where Satan's throne is conveying the evil of the area, conversely how is it a challenge to live in the Bible Belt and make an impact?
5. List the problems Jesus identifies with the church at Pergamos? What is the doctrine of Balaam? What are ways that you see idolatry impacting the nation, The church, the home?
6. How does the instruction given to the church at Pergamos differ from those given to Ephesus and Smyrna?
7. What do the promises mean given to the Church at Pergamos?



Week Four – Standing in Purity

Revelation 2:18-25

Ice Breaker: Share of a time in which you stained something and it was upsetting.

When you hear the word Purity, what comes to mind?

1. How does Jesus identify Himself to the Church at Thyatira? What do His eyes and feet represent? Are there other similar descriptions in the Bible?
2. What is meant by the phrase “the last are more than the first” in verse 19?
3. We see Jezebel’s judgment outlined in verse 21-22. How does her judgment differ from those who commit adultery with her?
4. In what ways has society become inundated with fornication, adultery, and sexual immorality? What are practical steps we can take to make a difference in standing against this?
5. How does verse 23 correspond with verse 19?
6. Compare and contrast the commandment to overcome in verse 25-27 with the similar directions in 2:7, 2:11 and 2:17.
7. What is the “morning star” referenced in verse 28?



Week Five - Standing in Revival

Revelation 3:1-6, 15-22

Ice Breaker: Discuss a time when you or someone you knew were close to death, but then fully recovered. Have you ever experienced personal spiritual revival?

1. Have you ever encountered a church similar to the description given for Sardis in verse 1? Can you determine the reason church at Sardis is dead from the passage? What is the motivation for continuing to participate in a church that is dead?
2. What is the church at Sardis instructed to do in verses 2 and 3?
3. What is the hope for the church in verse 2? What does this tell you about modern day churches that seem to be dead or dying?
4. What is the promise given to those who overcome in verse 5? How does this promise relate to the promise given to Laodiceans in verse 22?
5. Do you ever relate to the description of the church of the Laodiceans in verses 15-16? Verse 17? If yes, describe what/how you got there.
6. When you think of the word love what immediately comes to mind? What does verse 19 tell us about God's love?
7. What does it mean to be zealous? Who do you know that is zealous?
8. Discuss verse 20. Where does the door lead to? Would you be ready for Jesus to show up at your door after you get home this evening? What would it take for Revival to happen at CCW? In Shelby County?



Week Six – Standing in Humility

Revelation 3:7-13

Ice Breaker: In a secular sense what are a few of your big accomplishments, trophies, achievements? What makes a person humble?

1. What is the key of David Jesus mentions in verse 7?
2. What is the open door before the church at Philadelphia that no one can shut?
3. What have been some very clear open doors that God has provided in your life?
4. How do you feel about this promise made to the church in verse 9?
5. What is the “hour of trial” referenced in verse 10?
6. How does Revelation 3:11 compare to Revelation 2:10, specifically as the verses relate to crowns?
7. Jesus does not list any grievances or call the church at Philadelphia to repent discuss why you think that is the case. Can you recall any life markers in which God called you to repent and life was different afterward? If Yes, Discuss.

Prayer Journal

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Week Three:

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Week Six: