

But First, Love

SERIES: You Need to Hear This

™ THE PICTURE:

→ Jesus holding you in His Hand

™ THE PROBLEM:

→ Leaving God's Love

™ THE PRESCRIPTION:

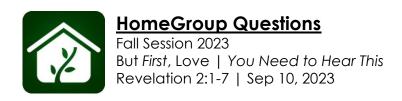
→ Consider, Repent, Do

™ THE PROMISE:

→ Satisfaction and Delight

SO YOU NEED TO HEAR THIS:

→ The spiritual life is not a grind, it's a garden



- 1. Jot down a few bullet points about your summer to share with your group. If you are a new group, or you have new members, take time to get to know each other.
- 2. The current series, <u>You Need to Hear This</u>, will explore the letters from Jesus to His people found in Revelation 2-3. What is one of the best letters you have ever received? Why?
- 3. Read Revelation 2:1-7 and review the outline. What stood out for you from the message?
- 4. Jesus will start each letter with a picture of Himself. Each image comes from a larger picture we get earlier in the book. Look at the description of Jesus in Revelation 1:12-16. Notice how different this is from the way we usually picture Jesus! More like a modern art portrait! What stands out for you?
- 5. Which aspect of the stunning picture in Revelation 1 did Jesus highlight in His letter to the Ephesians (Rev 2:1)? How should it reassure us as believers?
- 6. Is working hard wrong? If not, what was it that the Ephesian Christians were missing? How can that happen today?
- 7. Doug said, "When Jesus addresses our struggles, He sandwiches it between a PICTURE and a PROMISE." We see this in every letter from Jesus. What does that say about the heart of Jesus toward our blindspots and struggles?
- 8. What can you do to return or stay in the experience of God's love for you?
- 9. Write down some ways you'd like your group to be praying for you.