



## Message Outline

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Revelation 2:1-7

# **But *First*, Love**

SERIES: *You Need to Hear This*

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## **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



## HomeGroup Questions

Fall Session 2023

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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, *You Need to Hear This*, 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.