

Jesus's Letters to the Churches, Part 1

Revelation 2:1-11

Lesson 4 Questions

First Day: Read Lesson 4 Notes.

The notes and lecture fortify the truth of the passage for understanding and application to daily life.

1. What truth in the lecture about Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, impacted you, and why?
2. How did the notes speak into your life's joys or challenges this week?

Second Day: Read Revelation 2:1-7.

Jesus identified Himself and commended the Ephesian church.

3. To the church in Ephesus:
How did Jesus identify Himself, and what did He say He knew?

In what ways did Jesus offer encouragement? What did He hold against them?

What did Jesus say were the consequences for not following His instructions?

What final exhortation did Jesus give?
4. a. From Revelation 1:20, what do the seven stars and seven golden lampstands represent?
b. What action did Jesus take with the lampstands, and how does this encourage you?
5. Which qualities of the Ephesian church do you display, and which would you like to develop?

Third Day: Read Revelation 2:1-7.

Jesus rebuked and warned the Ephesians.

6. How can you discern between true and false teaching? (See also Acts 17:11; Romans 12:2; 1 Corinthians 12:3; and 2 Timothy 3:16.)
7. a. From Matthew 22:36-40, what did Jesus say is the first and greatest commandment? What attitudes or actions might indicate someone has forsaken the first love God commands?

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- b. In what ways do you express your love for God and others? In what ways might you fall short, like the Ephesians?
- 8. Explain what Jesus meant by the word “repent.” How might God be calling you to repent?
- 9. Read Genesis 2:8-9, 15-17; 3:1-24 alongside Revelation 2:7. What do you learn about the Tree of Life, and what hope do you receive from Jesus’s promise in 2:7?

Fourth Day: Read Revelation 2:8-11.

Jesus identified Himself and commended the church in Smyrna.

- 10. To the church in Smyrna:
 - How did Jesus describe Himself, and what did He say He knew?

 - How did Jesus encourage the people? In what ways did He challenge them?

 - What was Jesus’s exhortation to the believers in Smyrna?
- 11. What do you think Jesus meant when He said the believers in Smyrna were in poverty and yet rich? (See also Matthew 5:3; 6:19-20; and 2 Corinthians 8:9.)

Fifth Day: Read Revelation 2:8-11.

Jesus encouraged the suffering believers in Smyrna.

- 12. In regard to slander and persecution:
 - a. What did Jesus face, and what should His followers expect? (See also John 15:19-20; 16:1-3; and Timothy 3:12, or share any other Scriptures that come to mind.)

 - b. Give examples of how Jesus’s followers face slander or persecution today.
- 13. Why did Jesus command Smyrna’s believers not to fear suffering? (See also Matthew 10:28-33.)
- 14. a. How might knowing Jesus Christ equip believers to be faithful in suffering? (Feel free to share Scriptures that come to mind.)
 - b. In what ways have you suffered because of your witness for Christ?

Sixth Day: Review Revelation 2:1-11.

Living for Jesus in a hostile world requires persevering faith.

- 15. From this week’s study, how are you encouraged by Jesus’s words and His intimate knowledge of His people?

*Passage Discovery (homiletics, word study, etc.) for Group and Administrative Leaders:
Revelation 2:1-11*