

## RESTORE YOUR FIRST LOVE

Revelation 2:1-11

Key Verses: 2:4-5a, "Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first."

1. What is the significance of the church in Ephesus (1a; Ac 19:9-10,20; Col 1:7; 4:12-13)? How did Jesus manifest himself to this church (1b)?
2. What did Jesus know about this church (2-3; 6)? Why are these things commendable?
3. What does Jesus hold against them (4-5)? Why had they forsaken their first love? How could they restore their first love? What warning and promise did Jesus give (5b,7)?
4. How does Jesus introduce himself to the church in Smyrna (8)? What difficulties did the church face, and how did Jesus encourage them (9-10a)? What motivates us to be faithful in times of persecution (10b-11)?
5. Reflect on Jesus' words in this passage. How does Jesus speak to your church? Why is it so important to restore our first love for Jesus and for one another?