

A Must Read! series

Chapter One: A Heart Two Sizes too Small

Message Text: Revelation 2:1-7

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Background:

The city

The church

Jesus praises the church for....

Orthopraxy (right practice)

Orthodoxy (right belief)

Jesus corrects the church for....

Orthopathy (right heart)

Restoring a Right heart

Abandon love and right thinking and acting become mechanical

and merciless.

Go Deeper:

- 1) Are you encouraged or challenged by Jesus praise of the Ephesians toil in v.2 & 3? Explain.
- 2) Do you believe that being a 'spiritual consumer' is really that dangerous? Explain.
- 3) Are you encouraged or challenged by Jesus praise of the Ephesians thorough knowledge of Scripture in v.2 and 6? Explain.
- 4) Do you believe that ignorance of Scripture is really that dangerous? Explain.
- 5) In what ways does the church of today engage in boundary keeping?
- 6) What happens to a church when boundary keeping becomes its primary purpose?
- 7) How can the church in the twenty-first century continue to hold tightly to the truth of the gospel without losing the centrality of Christian love?
- 8) How would you describe 1st love?
- 9) What are some of the things that entice Christians to abandon their 1st love in your experience?
- 10) How can we safeguard against deserting our 1st love?
- 11) Are you personally safeguarding against the threat of abandoning your 1st love? Explain.
- 12) What are some of the most powerful ways you have encountered that help you remember your 1st love?

Next Steps:

- I need to get involved in ministry at MorningStar so that I can experience the blessings of contributing and safeguard myself against becoming a spiritual consumer.
- I will pursue being a greater student of God's Word by connecting with a growth group or attending a Sunday night discipleship class.
- I will schedule a block of time this week to get away with just God and remember those days when my 1st love blazed in my heart.
- Write in your own: _____