

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. MANY THEOLOGIANS BELIEVE THAT THE CENTERPIECE OF REVELATION IS CHAPTER 4 WHERE EVERYTHING ELSE HAS TO BE VIEWED. READ REVELATION 4 OUT LOUD, TOGETHER AS A GROUP, AND THEN READ THE LETTER TO THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS IN REVELATION 2:1-7.
- 2. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT CHRIST IDENTIFIES HIMSELF AS THE ONE WHO WALKS AMONG THE CHURCHES (OR SEVEN GOLDEN LAMP STANDS). EVEN THOUGH THE CHURCH ISN'T PERFECT OR EVEN CLOSE TO IT- HE HAS NOT ABANDONED HER. WHAT DOES THIS COMMUNICATE ABOUT CHRIST'S LOVE AND DEDICATION TO THE CHURCH? HOW SHOULD THIS HELP FORM YOUR DEDICATION TO THE CHURCH?
- 3. THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS WAS COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO FIGHTING AGAINST FALSE TEACHERS AND TEACHINGS. CHRIST ESPECIALLY NOTED THAT THEY HAD DONE SO WITHOUT GROWING WEARY. WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE MAY BE SOME THINGS THAT THE CHURCH WILL BE TEMPTED TO GROW WEARY IN DURING OUR LIFETIME? HOW CAN WE STAY DILIGENT AND STAND FIRM IN THE GOSPEL DESPITE THOSE THINGS?
- 4. THE ADMONISHMENT FROM CHRIST, CHALLENGING THEM ON THE ABANDONMENT OF THEIR FIRST LOVE. THEY BECAME TOO BUSY AND NEGLECTED A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST. HOW ARE YOU TEMPTED TO DO THE SAME?
- 5. WHAT ARE THE REASONS EXCUSES YOU TYPICALLY EMPLOY IN NOT DEVOTING YOURSELF TO A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?
- 6. WHAT DOES IT DO TO YOUR FAITH TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND THAT CHRIST DESIRES A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU?
- 7. HOW DOES HIS CALL FOR THE CHURCH TO REPENT AND TURN BACK TO HIM GIVE YOU HOPE IN YOUR OWN WALK?