

**Study Questions:**  
**Week Two: Revelation 2: 1-7**  
**Falling in Love with Jesus...again!**

**Ephesus:** We can visit this ancient city today and tour the sites, although the streets have long since been deserted. The very name Ephesus means “desirable” and this “vacation hot spot” was the place to live... or at least visit. It boasted a massive and accessible seaport that brought ships from all over the region. The skyline was impressive upon entering the streets. About 250,000 people called Ephesus “home” and it boasted in being the third-largest city in the Roman Empire. Ephesus celebrated all the pleasures and power of the Greco-Roman Empire. Citizens lived in beautiful homes with ornate furniture, surrounded by temples of marble and stone. People could enjoy the freedom to live any way they want...no moral laws! After all, “what happens in Ephesus stays in Ephesus”. The city boasted one of the seven wonders of the ancient world (a temple to Artemis or Diana). And yet, Paul almost died here when planting this church (Acts 19).



**Discussion Questions:**

1. Open with prayer and read the letter together.
2. When were you “head over heels” in love? What was that like? Has it lasted?
3. How is Jesus described in the passage (vs 1-2). Why is this important?
4. For what is the church commended (vs 2-3 and 6)?
5. What grave concerns does the Saviour have about this church (vs 4-5)? How does a church or person lose that first love? How do we sense when that occurs?
6. Based upon what you know about Ephesus, what “toxins” in the culture were dangerous to the local believers? How does this relate to our current setting? What can happen to congregations who become complacent in their walk with the Lord?
7. What practical action steps should a person or church take who may have lost their passion for the Lord? What blessings await those who repent and return?
8. In what ways does our “Okanagan faith” resemble that of the Ephesians?
9. Reflection: When have I been at risk of losing my love for Jesus? What practical steps do I need to take in response?