
DISCUSSION GUIDE

FOR INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, SMALL GROUPS

What to do right after the service to help “the Word dwell more richly,” within us (Colossians 3:16):

1. Instead of rushing off after the service is over, or talking about the latest news, develop the habit of talking about the sermon with people after church. Start spiritual conversations by asking, “How did the Scripture challenge or speak to you today?” Or “what about God in the message encouraged you?”

2. Encourage someone by sharing things you learned about God from His Word during the sermon. Make note of how your thinking has changed. Don’t let biblical teaching be a one-time event that fades from memory as soon as it is over (James 1:22-25). Choose one or two particular applications to share

[Above from book *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church Member*]

For further Application, Meditation and Conversation on today’s text:

Date: 11/21/2021 – “Love Lost, Love Found” (Revelation 2:1-7)

1. The church in Ephesus was commended for their doctrinal care and precision and endurance (2:2-3). They exercised discernment spiritually, but what were they rebuked for? (see 2:4-5)

2. What must we learn from this church as it pertains to love? What are the dangers they faced, that we also face?

3. Discuss: What could Christ (through John) mean when he says “you have abandoned (or, “lost”) the love you had at first” (v.4)? See 1 Cor. 16:22 & Mark 12:29-31. What are the symptoms?

4. When we discern that we are waning in our affections for the Lord, list the clear steps in **verse 5** that Christ gives for dealing with “lost love”?

5. What is the sober warning in verse 5 if a church does not respond to this call to renew their love? What are the blessings described in 7-8 that motivate our obedience and repentance from “love lost” to “love found”? What is one way that you want to see your love for Christ grow, and who can you employ to come alongside you to assist you in your endeavor?