

**Revelation: Loving Jesus Most - Pastor David Cooke**

1. When you think about the future of the world we live in, are you optimistic or pessimistic? What makes you so? Same question for your church - are you optimistic or pessimistic? Why?
2. Read Revelation 2:1-7. What were the people in the Ephesian church doing right? Why is this impressive, considering the times and place they were living?
3. In Revelation 2:1 it depicts Jesus walking among the golden lampstands. We know from Revelation 1:20 that the lampstands represent the church. What does this image of Jesus mean for the church today? Why is this important?
4. The Christians in Ephesus did a lot right but got the most important thing wrong - they "abandoned the love they had at first." How do people lose their "first love"? What threatens you to abandon your first love?
5. How did the Ephesians losing their first love affect them as a church? What is the danger of losing our love for Jesus?
6. Read verse 5 again. What is the way back to renewing our love for Jesus?
7. Loving Jesus most will result in loving the world we live in and longing that others experience the great love of Jesus. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate yourself in your love for Jesus?
8. Loving Jesus results in us sharing that love with others. Pray for the "One More" in your life who needs to know Jesus' love and look for an opportunity to share his love with them this week.

**I. My First Tattoo**

The Story of St. Patrick

1. B \_\_\_\_\_
2. S \_\_\_\_\_
3. S \_\_\_\_\_
4. W \_\_\_\_\_

**II. The Seven Letters - A Spiritual Health Check List**

**III. What was right with the church in Ephesus? (Rev. 2-3,6)**

The Church's Number One Mission

1. Be a \_\_\_\_\_ that points people to \_\_\_\_\_
2. To love Jesus, you have to love the world.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**IV. What was wrong with the church in Ephesus?**

Love \_\_\_\_\_

‘But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.’ Rev 2:4

## What Robs Us of Love?

### *B. Focusing on...*

1. P \_\_\_\_\_
2. P \_\_\_\_\_
3. P \_\_\_\_\_
4. G \_\_\_\_\_
5. D \_\_\_\_\_

## V. Getting Back to Jesus

*"Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent." (Rev 2:5)*

### A. Remember

Get your \_\_\_\_\_ right

### B. Repent

Get your \_\_\_\_\_ right

### C. Renewed Effort

Get your \_\_\_\_\_ right

**VI. Getting From "Me" to "We"**

A. Pray for your pastors

**The CSC Discipleship Strategy**

**In** - Inviting and encouraging people to make Jesus the Ruler over every part of their lives.

**Out** - Going out into our world to sacrificially serve others in the name of Jesus.

**Up** - Engaging in authentic community with God and each other so people will see and know Jesus.

B. Pray for each other

C. Pray for our community

**VII. To love Jesus, you have to love the world.**

**Answers:** Beloved, Shepherd, Sage, Warrior, Light, Jesus, Gone Cold, Politics, Prosperity, Power, Growth, Depth, Mind, Heart, Actions.