



Small Group Study Guide

Ephesus: Return to Your First Love

Week #1 — July 19, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. Can you think of a time you were lost? What happened? How did you feel?
2. Talk about something or someone you really love. How do your actions display how you feel about that thing or that person?

God Wink

(10-15 min)

3. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 2:1-7.

4. List the good things the church is doing.
5. What does Jesus say is missing?
6. What do you think He means by “First Love”?

7. How does Jesus tell them they can get their first love back? What do they need to do?
8. What do you think are the things they did at first?
9. Can you remember when Jesus first became real to you? How did you feel? What did you do?
10. Are things different today? Why or why not?

Application

11. What do you need to do in order to come back to a first love experience with Jesus?



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Smyrna: Stay Strong!

Week #2 — July 26, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. If you won the lottery, what would you want to do first?

God Wink

(10-15 min)

2. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 2:8-11

3. In what ways is this church poor? How was this church “rich”?
4. What were some of the things they were facing...or about to face?
5. If you knew you were about to go through something difficult, what would give you courage?

Read Joshua 1:9

6. What did God “command” Joshua to be in this verse?
7. What gives you courage or encouragement?

Application

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

8. Where is our power?
9. What are we fighting against?
10. What are the pieces of “armor” Paul calls us to put on?
11. In what ways can we arm ourselves with this armor this week?



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Pergamum: Refuse to Compromise

Week #3 — August 2, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. Think about when you were in school, name on thing “everyone” was doing or wearing in order to be cool?

God Wink

(10-15 min)

2. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 2:12-17

3. What pressures were the Christians in Pergamum facing?
4. At what point are they strong?
5. Why is the practice of eating food sacrificed to idols and sexual immorality such a big deal to the people of this community?

6. Can you think of ways we are tempted today to compromise with the culture around us?

7. What do you think is the significance of the “double edged” sword?

8. What is the significance of the new name written on the white stone?

Application

9. Can you think of an area in your life where you know you are enticed away from Christ because of something “everyone is doing”?
10. What can you focus on instead in order to stay true to your faith?



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Thyatira: Overcoming Spiritual Fatigue

Week #4— August 9, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. As you look at the world around us, what do you think has the greatest influence on society? Internet, TV, News organizations...something else?

God Wink

(10-15 min)

2. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 2:18-28

3. How is Jesus described to this church?
4. Go back and reread the descriptions of Jesus to the other churches. What significance do these descriptions have for each church?
5. What did Jesus say was going well in the church?

6. Where was the “course correction” for this church?

7. Can you see this course correction needed in the church today? If so, in what way?

8. How do you understand Jesus’ use of the word “authority” at the end of this passage?

Application

9. What does it mean to you to follow Jesus in your everyday life?

10. What course correction do you hear for your life today?



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Sardis: Revive Your Passion

Week #5 — August 16, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. Can you name someone famous who has a good reputation? How is it good? Can you name someone who has a bad reputation? Why is it bad? Are reputations always correct?

God Wink

(10-15 min)

2. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 3:1-6

3. Jesus said that he knew their deeds, and that they had the reputation of being alive...what are some of the deeds they must have done to be seen as being alive?
4. What did Jesus tell them to do? What do you think it means to Wake Up?
5. What do you think it means that some of them have not “soiled their clothes”?

6. What do you think it means to live a life worthy of Christ?

Read Ephesians 4:1-3.

7. Are we saved then by our “worthiness” or are we saved by grace?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10.

Application

8. What do you think is your spiritual reputation?

9. Have you ever “rested” in past glories? Have you ever become complacent?

10. What does it mean to you to “wake up” in your life?



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Philadelphia: Open Doors

Week #6 — August 23, 2026

Icebreaker

Let us get to know each other (15 min)

1. Have you ever been “locked out” of something? Tell what happened...

God Wink

(10-15 min)

2. Where has God been working in your life lately? What challenges are you facing?

Deeper Study

(15 min)

Read Revelation 3:7-13

3. What do you think is meant by the “key of David” and what is opened, no one can shut and what is shut, no one can open? See Isaiah 22:20-24.
4. Try to imagine what life was like in the church at Philadelphia. From what you read, what might have been happening in this place?
5. What promise(s) do you hear Jesus proclaim to this church?

6. How do claiming and clinging to the promises of God give us hope and keep us going?

Application

7. Has God placed an open door before you? In what way?
8. Even if God has placed an open door before us, that doesn’t mean there won’t be difficulties and challenges. How does this passage help you to overcome?
9. What gives you courage when you are faced with challenges?