

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. (Revelation 1:1)
- Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near. (Revelation 1:3)
- Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. (Revelation 1:19)

READ VERSES 1-3 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Jesus opening commendation to the Ephesians is seemingly ideal. They were serving without end, patiently enduring in the midst of suffering, and not tolerating false teachings. If Jesus wrote a letter to you personally, would He be able to say the same words about you?

READ VERSE 4 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

2. Though the Ephesians appeared to have a stellar resume as Christians, Jesus delivers a startling rebuke to them: you have abandoned your first love. How is it that we can do things correctly, but still be wrong by doing them without love?

READ VERSES 5-7 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. Jesus gives to the church of Ephesus the expected response to His rebuke. What are the three commands that He gives to them? Why are each of them important?
4. Each letter ends with a promise “to the one who conquers.” What does the Bible mean when it speaks of a Christian who conquers? How is it different from the world’s view of conquering?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Prayerfully reread this letter to the Ephesians. Consider what aspects might actively relate to your present walk with Christ.
- Consider whether you, like the Ephesians, have forgotten your first love in Christ. If so, practically apply Christ’s commands in verse five.