

The Seven Churches – 1

The Church at Ephesus

Begin by reading through Revelation 2:1-7. Make a note of anything especially striking and of anything that you do not understand.

Exploring the church at Ephesus – Questions on the passage

Question 1 – How is Jesus described? (vs 1) What do you think the significance of this description is for the church in Ephesus?

Question 2 – What things does Jesus commend the church for? (vs 2,3,6)

Question 3 – What does Jesus hold against this church? (vs 4,5) What do you think this means?

Question 4 – What are they called upon to do in response? What is the consequence of their failure to do so? (vs 5)

Question 5 – What does Jesus promise to the church? (vs 7)

‘He who has an ear, let him hear’ – Questions for Application

How is it possible for a church to be like the church at Ephesus today?

How might a church be tempted to forsake its first love today? What can compete with a church for the place of Jesus in its affections?

How should such a church repent?

Do churches today take seriously Jesus threat in vs 5?

Do you think this passage has a specific application for our church?

What questions does this passage raise in your mind?