

# **To Love Like We Did at First**

*Revelation 2:1-7*

**Take-Home Truth:** *The journey is hard but the reward is everlasting joy.*

**Christ-Connection:** *Christ's love is too great to leave us where we are.*

**Hook:** *(Ice-breaker question. Get the group talking!)*

1. *What was your first love? Describe the emotion, the passion you felt for that first love.*

**Engage:** *(Observe the passage and engage with the text)*

2. *As a group, read Revelation 2:1-7 together aloud. Make observations. Discuss and unpack these verses together.*

3. *Consider the Ephesian culture and compare it to our culture today. Review the commendations to the Ephesians. How are they applicable today to the church? To you?*

4. *Consider the confrontations/ warnings listed. How are they applicable to the church today? To you?*

**Reflect:** *(Reflect upon the key take-aways from the sermon)*

5. *What is the church/you doing out of habit rather than delight?*

6. *In what way has our "view of truth become a trophy we protect instead of medicine to be dispensed"?*

**Respond:** *(Apply the truths of God's Word to your heart, affections, and actions)*

7. *Considering that actions speak louder than words....Have you lost the "Wow" in your love for Christ? Have you lost your love for people?*

8. *How can you regain the "Wow"? What steps of repentance (Change of mind, change of will, change of direction) lead you to Jesus, 'your first love'- the 'WOW'?*