

# CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The Seven Churches of Revelation

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### THE CHURCH: EPHESUS

1. One of the largest and most \_\_\_\_\_ cities in the Roman Empire.
2. The center of much \_\_\_\_\_ activity. (Acts 19)
3. Planted by \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 19)
4. Watered by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The exhortation to return to our first love is a message for all people, of all ages.

This includes loving God and loving people.

### FOLLOW THE PATTERN:

1. Jesus holds the church leaders in his hands and \_\_\_\_\_ among the churches.
2. The church at Ephesus was very active and loved \_\_\_\_\_.
3. For all their goodness, they had grown cold in their \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Jesus calls them to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. If they do not respond, he will take away their lampstand.
6. If they do respond they will eat from the tree of life.

*Rev. 1:3-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.*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Family Devo's, House Churches, Triads, etc.

1. The Ephesian church was very active and careful to get things right. Are you a worker (what you do is more important to you) or a truth lover (what you believe is more important to you)?
2. Yet this church had begun to fall short in love. Can you remember a time when your love for Jesus and people was greater? In what ways do you need to return to your first love?
3. Would you say that you value the local church as much as Jesus does?

*Fill in the blank answers: Influential, occult, Paul, John, Timothy, Apollos, Priscilla, Aquilla, walks, truth, love, remember, repent*

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