



Synod of the Diocese of West Malaysia

St Mary's Cathedral

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

To The Church In Ephesus (Revelation 2:1-7)

Ephesus was the fourth largest city in the Roman Empire. It was a hub for commerce by sea and land. Home to the great temple to Artemis, Ephesus was also a religious center (see Acts 19).



Read Revelation 2:1-7

1. How does Jesus describe himself?
2. What is Jesus pleased with?
3. What does this tell us about the challenges being faced by the Christians in Ephesus?
4. How would they feel hearing that Jesus knows all this?
5. What does Jesus have against the Ephesian church?
6. How do the following verses help us think about the love the Ephesians have lost?
 - a. Ephesians 1:15,16; 4:1,2,15,16; 5:1,2; 6:23,24
 - b. John 13:34,35
 - c. Matthew 24:9-13

- 7. Jesus commends the Ephesian's hard work, patient endurance of suffering, doctrinal discernment, and hatred of heresy. Would he commend St Mary's for the same things? If not, how can those things be encouraged so that we please Christ more?**

- 8. Do we at St Mary's also need to hear the rebuke that we are lacking in love? If so, how can we love better?**

9. Read Revelation 2:5-7 again. What response does Jesus want from the Ephesian church?

10. What is the connection between how Jesus introduces himself (v1) and the warning he gives the church if they don't repent (v5)?

11. From what we have read so far, what do you think it means to conquer/be victorious?

12. What promise is given to those who conquer? Read Genesis 2:9; 3:22-24. What makes this promise such a good thing?

- 13. How have Jesus' words to the church in Ephesus personally challenged you?**

- 14. What can we pray for the church and ourselves in response to this passage?**

TABLE of 7 CHURCHES (Revelation 2-3)

	Jesus' self-description	What Jesus knows	The good	The bad	The response	The warning	The promise
Ephesus							
Smyrna							
Pergamum							
Thyatira							
Sardis							
Philadelphia							
Laodicea							