

# *Ephesus*

## **Reaction #1 –All Head No Heart**

Revelation 2:1-7

Big Idea: The love of God and the love of others will guard us against becoming heady, prideful, despising of unbelievers, and tired of the mission.

### *Questions:*

- Why was the city of Ephesus so important to the mission of the early Christian church?
- Why are cities still strategically important to the work of the church today?
- In this letter to the Ephesian church, Jesus gives four encouragements. Which of these do you feel encouraged by? Which of these do you need to grow in by God's grace?
- In this passage, what charge does Jesus bring against the Ephesians?
- What in your life competes for becoming your first love in place of Jesus?
- Why is actively loving Jesus more effective in bringing about gospel transformation than simply trying to avoid the mistakes of Ephesus?
- How can we encourage one another in keeping Jesus as our first love?

### *Prayer:*

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would reveal to us where we are losing our first love.
- Pray that God would help us repent and maintain our lamp stand.
- Pray that we would be moved and filled with love for our savior.