



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 26, 2026

1. Have you ever received a Christmas present, a birthday gift, or a greeting card— and you could tell that the person who sent it didn't really put any effort into it? What are some of the tell-tale signs that the giver didn't seem to care? How do we typically feel when we can sense that someone is just “going through the motions”?
2. Have two people in your LifeGroup read Revelation 2:1-7 aloud from two different Bible translations. In your own words, what would you say is the ‘big idea’ of Jesus’ message to this ancient church?
3. Some supervisors have no idea what really happens among their employees. What did Jesus say about the Ephesus church in verse 2? What were some of the positive things that this church was getting right in verses 2, 3, and 6? Why is it so encouraging that Jesus “knows” every church, including Wrightsdale?
4. The Christians in Ephesus were staying steadfast in their faith, living holy, and holding fast to sound doctrine in a godless, secular culture. What are some of the cultural challenges that today’s Christians up against? Give some examples from today’s world.
5. What was the primary complaint that Jesus had toward this church in verse 4? What is the greatest love that all Christians are supposed to maintain? (See Matthew 22:36-38) How is it possible that a Christian’s love can dissipate or grow cold over time? What can contribute to this coldness?
6. What was Jesus’ instruction to the Ephesians in verse 5, that would help them re-kindle their love and their passion? Do you remember what it was like to be a new Christian? Describe that season in your own words. How could you re-engage or re-ignite some of those experiences again? Give some practical suggestions.
7. Did you know that 4,000 US churches closed in 2024, and 715 were SBC churches. Does any church have a “right” to exist? What might Jesus do to a church that persists in its lack of love? (v5) What encouragement does He speak to those who stay fervent and faithful? (v7)

Close with a time of group prayer, asking Jesus to help you stoke up your fires of fervency and fresh love in 2026. A loving Wrightsdale starts with a loving you!

Even the most passionate service for Jesus fails when there's no pure love for Jesus.