Revelation

Lesson Two: What Does Jesus Want in a Church?
(Part One)

1. **Revelation 2:1-7** Ephesus, a church beginning to decline
   - Background –
   - Good –
   - Bad –
   - Warnings –
   - Promises –
   - What does Jesus want in a church?

2. The church in Ephesus excelled at testing for false doctrine AND dealing with it. What false teachings in particular threaten our congregation?

3. **Revelation 2:8-11** Smyrna, a church strong in tribulation
   - Background –
   - Good –
   - Bad –

- Warnings –

- Promises –

- What does Jesus want in a church?

4. Jesus said to the Christians in Smyrna: "I know the pressures you're under and I know of your poverty, but still, you are rich!"
   Make a list of things that a worldly-rich person has or can do.
   Then, make a list of things that someone who is "rich toward God" has and does.

5. **Revelation 2:12-17** Pergamum, a church lax in discipline
   - Background –

   - Good –

   - Bad –

   - Warnings –

   - Promises –

   - What does Jesus want in a church?

6. Jesus said to the congregation in Pergamum: "*I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name*" (Rev. 2:13). So where you live should not affect how you live. Still, what examples from the Bible urge us to consider carefully where we choose to live?