

# GROWING IN FAITH



## Our First Love

“I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear evil men but have tested those who call themselves apostles but are not, and found them to be false; **3** I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. **4** But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. –Revelation 2:2-4

“Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready” Revelation 19:7

## GOING DEEPER

The book of Revelation is a letter, written by John. It is God calling the church back into a relationship with him?

What does a relationship with God look like for you? What does a relationship with God look like for the church?

John wrote the book of Revelation in a difficult time in history. The world was in political and social turmoil.

How would a better relationship with God help our society today?

Our focus on our relationship with God will improve our other relationships.

What do you think about this statement?

What is one example of our relationship with God strengthening our relationship with others?

How do we develop our relationship with God?

Prayer, Study, Service...others?

Can you think of a person who is an example to you of a strong relationship with God?

“Superficiality is the curse of our age. The doctrine of instant satisfaction is a primary spiritual problem. The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people.” –Richard Foster, *The celebration of Discipline*