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<h3 style="margin: 0;">1. Following Jesus</h3>	

<p>Key Texts</p> <p>Ezekiel 36:26-28</p> <p>Matthew 7:21</p> <p>John 14:23-24; 15:9-17</p> <p>Revelation 2:1-7</p>

Talking through the message during the week, especially with others, helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

Read **Revelation 2:1-7**

- What stood out to you in Sunday’s message?
- Was there anything you didn’t understand?
- When you hear the word “*normal*” what do you think of?

Mike identified several types of “Christians” including: Cultural Christians, Cheap Grace Christians, & Secular Christians. There are probably other types, but none of these descriptors are biblical descriptions of what Jesus calls us to.

- Do you identify with any of these types (now or in the past)? In what way? Why?
- Why do you think people settle for one of these limited understandings of being a Christian rather than following Jesus?
- In what way(s) does being a follower of Jesus change how you:
 - view the world [work, marketplace, politics, environment, others]?
 - understand your relationships?
- Looking at **Revelation 2:1-7**
 - What are the positive things the church at Ephesus is commended for?
 - Why then are there the harsh words in **v4-5**?
- On a scale of 1-10 [1-not at all, 10-deeply] Are you in love with Jesus? Why did you score yourself that way? What is needed for you to more towards 10?

Next Steps:

- Pray, out loud, the **Lord’s Prayer**, reflecting on each phrase, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
- Read, out loud, the **Jesus Creed**, on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.
- You can find both of these on our website under....
- As you pray and read these, grasp the depths of God’s love and his desire for you to know him and follow him.