



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Dear Church | Ephesus

Last Week

Did you spend time last week thinking about your role as a priest?

Opener

Do you remember the first time you really loved something or someone?

Questions

What do you think causes one to fall out of love with someone or something? How can we prevent this from happening?

What habits/actions can we take to help deepen our love for God so that our love for him doesn't weaken? Have you ever seen someone's love for God weaken? How were you able to tell?

What are some characteristics of a church that might fall into the same situation that Ephesus was being warned of?

When you first became a follower of Jesus, what things did you do right away? Have you ever noticed that when things get tough, that these first things are no longer habits?

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

Psalm 31:23 (NLT)

Love the Lord, all you godly ones! For the Lord protects those who are loyal to him but he harshly punishes the arrogant.

Read the verses out loud together,

- *Share your observations,*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

Next Steps:

What is your next step in loving God and others this year look like for you?