Revelation 2:1-7

1. The ***Direction*** of the Letter

Past—Revelation 1; Present—Revelation 2-3; Future—4-22

- ♦ The ***Primary Association***
- ♦ The ***Personal Application***
- ♦ The Prophetic Anticipation

2. The **Destination** of the letter
   - *Revelation 2:1*

3. The ***Description*** of Christ
   - *Revelation 2:1; Revelation 1:12, 16, 20*

4. The ***Diagnosis*** of the Church
   - *Revelation 2:2-6*
   - ♦ It was a ***Dynamic*** Church
     - *Acts 19:10*
   - ♦ It was a ***Dedicated*** Church
     - *Matthew 16:24-25*
   - ♦ It was a ***Determined*** Church
     - *Hebrews 12:1-2*
   - ♦ It was a ***Disciplined*** Church
     - *2 Corinthians 3:1; 1 John 4:1; Matthew 18:15-20*
   - ♦ It was a ***Discerning*** Church
     - *Philippians 1:9-10*
   - ♦ It was a ***Dry*** Church
     - *Matthew 22:37-40; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3*

5. The ***Demands*** of the Church
   - Revelation 2:5
   - ♦ ***Remember***
   - ♦ ***Repent***
   - ♦ ***Repeat***

6. The ***Door*** for the Church
   - Revelation 2:7a; Matthew 11:15, 13:9, 43; Mark 4:9, 23; Luke 8:8, 14:35

7. The ***Dividend*** for the Church
   - Revelation 2:7b; Ephesians 6:23-24

church.rethink

West Valley Church
Pastor Michael O'Neill

September 4, 2011
westvalleychurch.com

- ❑ Re-read through your notes. Review the main points and read the Scripture references that are provided for you.
- ❑ Have you read any of the fiction books on the market today about the "end times"? If so, what did you think of them?
- ❑ What are your opinions about the "end times"?
- ❑ Have you ever read the book of Revelation? What were your impressions? Did it change you? In what way?
- ❑ Are there any cities or towns that you have been in that no longer exist? What caused them to disappear?
- ❑ How does that happen to churches? Do you know of any churches that once, but no longer, exist? What happened to them?
- ❑ Read back through Jesus' list of positive characteristics of the church at Ephesus. Which ones do you think our church has, and why? Which ones do we *not* have, and why?
- ❑ Are you surprised that a church can have all those positive attributes, and still be in danger of having its "lampstand" removed?
- ❑ What did Jesus say was the most important thing for a church to have, which Ephesus had "lost"? Why is this trait so much more important than the others?
- ❑ How is our church when it comes to the love trait? Mark where you think we are on the spectrum:

Loving God and others ***Losing our lamp stand***

- ❑ Give some reasons why you placed us where you did.
- ❑ Are we better at *saying* we love God and people, or actually *doing* it? Give examples for your answer.
- ❑ If we don't actually do it, is it really love?
- ❑ If someone were to judge the "love level" of our church by watching *your* actions, what would they say about West Valley Church?