

re-Vision #1

The theologically-correct church

Revelation 2:1-7



Discussion starter

What do people normally look for when searching for a church?



From the Bible

- What is the significance of there being SEVEN churches? 1:20, 2:1
- What does Christ commend the church for? v2-3, 6
- What is Christ's warning and instruction? What was their first love? V4-5
- Note the promise to Christians who persevere in their faith. V7 Cf. 21:14, 22:1-2



Think it through

- How does Christ Church Tygerberg compare to the church in Ephesus?
- What would Christ have you do (v5) to contribute?
- Ask your connect group or leader for feedback from our Vision & Values workshop.



Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you most humble and hearty thanks, for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

Give us, we pray, such a deep sense of all your mercies, that we may be truly thankful and praise you not only with our lips, but with our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Father, you are Lord of the harvest.

Hear our prayer today for those who do not know you. May they come to a saving knowledge of your Son. Thrust out workers into the harvest field, including in our own church and Cross Central Church in Parow.

Encourage those who are down-hearted. Bring fresh vigour and energy to those in tough times and those whose faith is wavering. Continually renew the gospel zeal in your Church; and make us to be faithful witnesses to your mercy; filled with love and deeply united – for your glory alone; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Prayer taken from the Vision & Values workshop)