

# Bring It Home

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**Lesson Theme: “The Loveless Church”**

**Scripture: Revelation 1:19-2:7**

**Memory Verse:** Revelation 2:4: *“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”*

**Teachers/Parents:** We got our lesson started by talking about getting autographs. We mentioned how you don’t just get anybody’s autograph, but rather those that you look up to and admire or respect. If you could get someone’s autograph today, who would it be and why? If you have a famous autograph from someone, share it with the family and talk about it!

## Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read **Revelation 1:20**. Jesus describes the churches as lampstands. Why do you think Jesus used this object to describe the church? (Hint: Read **Matthew 5:16**)
- 2) In **Revelation 2:2**, Jesus commends the church of Ephesus for their ability to discern and oppose false teaching. What is our primary tool today for being able to discern false teaching? (Hint: Read **Acts 17:11**)
- 3) In **Revelation 2:4**, what does Jesus say He has against the church? This is so surprising since he praised them in the previous two verses. What do you think might have happened?
- 4) In **Revelation 2:5**, Jesus warns them to remember. There is another entire book of the Bible, the letter to the Ephesians, which was written to this church. Read **Ephesians 2:4-5**. What is to be remembered from this passage?
- 5) In **Revelation 2:7**, Jesus promises “paradise” to those who overcome. How would you define “paradise”?
- 6) When we read the challenge to overcome, we can immediately think we need to try harder or be better. But read **John 16:33** and **1 John 5:4-5**. What is the first step toward being an “overcomer”?
- 7) Jesus described the church of Ephesus as a “loveless” church. What do you think this might look like today? What can you do to help RMC not be such a church?