

# Life Application Notes

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> Jan (West End) 19<sup>th</sup> Jan (Lordshill/Central).

## **Culture Revealed.** *Love – Jesus is All*

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### **Opening Up.**

- Has anyone visited or travelled to other places where the culture was different to that which they were used to? What stood out? How did it make you feel?
- What do you talk about the most? Is it something that you love or are passionate about? If you know each other well enough, ask others in the group to suggest where they think your passions lie.

### **Digging In**

*In Revelation 2:1-7 we read the letter to the church of Ephesus, with a specific focus on the indictment in v4 that they have ‘forgotten their first love’.*

Following the instruction in Rev 2:4, we as a church, must ensure that we keep Jesus as our first love. This is a key part of our culture, and something we strive for through the following 5 culture markers

1. Jesus is all. Everything we do is for Jesus – you will experience a people passionate for him.

Read Matt 22:37

2. Jesus is head of the church - you will experience a culture of obedience to him.

Read Colossians 1:15-20

3. Jesus is our king – you will hear about Jesus and his message.

Read 1 John 1:1-2

4. Jesus is our Lord – in our worship and teaching Jesus will feature a lot.

Read Matt 2: 9-11

5. Jesus gives us everything – you will experience gratitude and generosity.

Read Romans 11:36

- What does each verse suggest about the way Life Church should respond to Jesus and his love for us?
- How could we cultivate each of these areas of our culture at Life Church? Are there areas where you see this in action, or are there areas where we are aspiring to these?

### **Rounding Off**

Spend some time considering which of these cultural markers you personally feel most comfortable with and relate too. Think about how you can help that area of culture across Life Church be strengthened.