



# SERMON NOTES

GLOBAL OUTREACH CHURCH

## HELLO CHURCH: *Turn Back* Revelation 2:1-7

1. **Recap of last Sunday's teaching:** "Getting to know John"
  - Why was John the perfect individual for this message and what we can learn from his example?
2. **The challenge: "turn back"**
  - Sometimes, progress is not only about going forward especially when the direction is wrong.
  - At times turning back is an indication of progress. This is where the Ephesians church happened to be at the time this letter was written to them. Rev. 2:4-5.
3. **A picture of the church in Ephesus**
  - They love God
  - They cared for each other
  - They were deep and wide
4. **Breakdown vs. 4-5**
  - I have this complaint - no matter how good we are we can get better
  - The first love - love for Jesus and one another (focus on the second for this teaching)
  - Repent - turn back to what "made you" in the first place.
5. **"I will remove your lampstand..."**
  - This does not mean that the Ephesians will be sent to Hell.
  - Of the 7 churches, the Ephesians occupied the very prominent position of "the model church", and they attained this position because of their first love.
  - Jesus wants them to maintain the position by going back to what placed them there in the first place

