

(1) When you find yourself questioning or doubting the promises of God, it is good to read 2 Corinthians 1:20. Read it aloud. What does this mean? In what sense is “Jesus” the “Amen” to all God’s promises to us? What does Paul mean when he says that all God’s promises are “Yes” in Jesus?

(2) Talk a few minutes about the topography of Laodicea and the problem posed by its lack of a fresh water supply. How does this shed light on what Jesus says regarding the Laodicean church, that they are “lukewarm”? Do you understand why Jesus would prefer they be either “hot” or “cold” rather than lukewarm?

(3) What does it mean for a Christian to be “lukewarm”? Be specific. In what ways have you found yourself in this spiritual condition in the past? How did you emerge from that condition?

(4) The Laodiceans were obviously misguided, even blind, when it came to their own spiritual condition. How is it that we can become so confused about our spiritual state of being? What does Jesus recommend that we do? What does it mean to “buy” or “purchase” from him the things we most need?

(5) How have you understood Revelation 3:20 in the past? Given the context of this verse within the letter as a whole, and given the fact that Jesus says he “loves” the Laodiceans and will therefore bring discipline to bear upon them if they don’t repent, should we use this verse in personal evangelism? If not, what is its application to us today?

(6) Reflect on what it means to you personally to hear that you, a born-again believer in Jesus, will one day be enthroned with Jesus himself. Does this seem beyond belief? What is your response to this truth?