



A Lukewarm Church | Revelation 3:14-22
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Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.

Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway! Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

Agenda for Group Time

Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)
Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)
Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)
Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

Icebreaker: If you could invite any person for dinner, who would you ask? Why?

Read Revelation 3:14-22

A Church with Too Much:

Question: We've seen Christ describe himself very intentionally in each letter, why might he call Himself "the faithful and true witness?"

- As a show of power, reminding Laodicea where the real strength is.
- To set Himself as an image of wisdom
- To contrast with the faithless witnesses of Laodicea
- Other: _____

What does the church of Laodicea think of itself? What is the reality of the situation?

The great irony here is that Laodicea has lost what they sought to gain; they became happy with the lesser and forgot to seek the greater.

Question: What temptations arise when we are given these lesser things?

- We think we can handle ourselves; after all, we got rich in the first place!
- We forget to think about higher things, because what is in front of us distracts
- We become human-centered, and find our value in comparing ourselves to others
- Other: _____

Question: Are there (genuinely good) things you see the church in general putting too high a value on today?

- Making and Saving money?
- Impressive appearances?
- Material blessings
(buildings/food/entertainment)?
- Other: _____

Follow up: do you see yourself elevating any of the above for security?

Read Christ's promise in v19. Have you seen this in your own life? In the lives of others?

An Invitation from Jesus:

Christ has not just one promise for Laodicea, he has many. What promises are those? (v 18-22)

Some promises are for this life (v 18-20) and some are for the life to come (v 21-22).

Question: What are some of the gifts that Christ gives in this life that you are most thankful for?

Follow up: what gifts for the life to come have been on your mind?

Have you seen faith come back to life in the lukewarm? What did that look like

Are there any parts of your life you feel you need to dedicate more to Christ?

Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:
