



Harbor Trinity Groups

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: To the Church: Laodicea

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

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1. The book of Revelation tells us, “Bless is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written” (Revelation 1:1-3) because “these words are trustworthy and true” (Revelation 22:6-7). Let’s take a moment to read these verses aloud together.
2. Jesus introduces Himself in each letter to each church. How does He introduce Himself to the church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:14)? What is the significance of each phrase (the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation)?
3. The Laodicean church was described as lukewarm. How would you describe a lukewarm person or church today?
4. Rather than taking “hot,” “cold,” or “lukewarm” to describe spiritual fervor (or lack of it), the contrast is between the hot medicinal waters of Hierapolis and the cold, pure waters of Colossae. Thus, the church in Laodicea was providing neither refreshment for the spiritually weary nor healing for the spiritually sick. It was totally ineffective. How does this help us reinterpret the meaning of lukewarm based on our previous answers?
5. The church at Laodicea thought it was rich, had prospered, and needed nothing (Revelation 3:17a). Jesus told them they were wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked (Revelation 3:17b). What solution did Jesus provide for them (Revelation 3:18)? How did this meet every one of their needs?
6. The church at Laodicea was unaware of its true state of being. What kept it, and what keeps us, unaware of its own shortcomings and needs?
7. Repentance has been a key theme to nearly each of the seven churches. How can we “be zealous and repent” (Revelation 3:19b)? While we may not like it, we must believe, “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline” (Revelation 3:19a). How have you experienced God’s love in this way?
8. We often use Revelation 3:20 in the context of salvation. Even after we are saved, what are other situations in which God stands outside of our lives asking to be more involved?
9. How often do you, or do you not, let Him? This is potentially the most important question of the day.
10. In week four of Alpha, we share the story of Holman Hunt’s famous picture, The Light of the World (feel free to look up the image). Jesus is outside of a door with no doorknob or handle, knocking. This powerfully illustrates, “if anyone hears...and opens” that Jesus will enter and join in table fellowship. How are you inviting Jesus into your life?
11. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 3:22). What do you believe that the Spirit is saying to you? Do you believe God is also saying something to us? Harbor Trinity Church?