

Message Discussion

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This Too Shall Pass // Week 9

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Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Welcome & Connection

Which of the 7 churches can you relate to the most?

Questions

1. Jesus tells the church, “you are neither cold nor hot... because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth.” The nearby hot waters of Hierapolis were useful for healing, and the cold waters near Colossae were refreshing—but the water reaching Laodicea was lukewarm. What does Jesus tell them He does with lukewarm water? What do you think about His response?
2. The Laodiceans said, “I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing.” They lived in a city known for money, health, and fashion, and from the outside they appeared to be doing very well. How do you measure success? What does it look like for you to be winning spiritually?
3. Jesus saw the Laodiceans very differently than they saw themselves. They believed they needed nothing, while Jesus said they were “poor, blind, and naked.” What are some things we can use to convince ourselves that we are doing well spiritually when our relationship with Jesus may actually be drifting?
4. “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.” Jesus’ correction wasn’t rejection—it came from His love for them. How does knowing that Jesus corrects those He loves change the way you respond when He reveals something in your life that needs to change?
5. Jesus says, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” His words to Laodicea weren’t simply something for them to hear—they demanded a response. At the end of the message, we were challenged to get zealous, repent, let Jesus cover our shame, open the door, and take communion. Which of these do you sense Jesus inviting you to respond to? What is one specific action you can take this week so that you don’t just hear what Jesus is saying, but actually respond to Him?