

Dear Church, Listen to Jesus

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: The Church is the point. God rules in relation to His people, as the Church is the centerpiece of what God is doing in our world. In these pivotal times, it is imperative that God's People understand what Jesus is saying, and relentlessly pursue a life of joyful obedience. Dear Church, Jesus is speaking.

The Church is the Point

Jesus is <u>speaking</u> to His Church Are we <u>listening</u>? Will we <u>obey</u>?

Revelation 1:1-20 (ESV)

Three ways to Keep the Light On:

- Turn Back!

For when we are tempted to <u>assimilate</u> with ungodly culture.

- Hold On!

For when our faith is challenged, and even confronted.

Wake <u>Up!</u>

For when we grow complacent due to success and power.

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- **2)** When you think of the American Church, would you say that they are listening to Jesus? Are they obeying? How about your church? How about you?
- **3)** Share a time where you knew you needed to repent as you were tempted to go along with the ways of culture.
- **4)** Share a time when you needed to hang on to the promises of God through a trial or struggle. Who encouraged you to do so?
- **5)** Share a time when you needed to snap out of complacency and step up to a new level in your attentiveness toward Jesus? How did you avoid shame, and move forward?