

# Message Based Questions 11/22/20

## Revelation 3:1-6, Image over Substance

**Icebreaker:** What are you thankful for today?

**To Discuss:**

1. Looking back at your notes from the message, what caught your attention, or challenged or confused you?
2. Read Revelation 3:1-6. Revelation is primarily about Jesus. As you browse through this letter to the church at Sardis, what do you learn about Jesus our Lord?
3. The church at Sardis had a good reputation, but were “dead”. One of the key things that seems to be happening here is that they became satisfied with where they were as a church and became complacent. This, as is suggested by verse 3:1 is deadly! Think about and respond to the following:
  - a. How may the American church have become complacent? What perpetuated this?
  - b. Has the strife in our current culture added to complacency or muted it to some degree?
4. How can we determine if we are living a Gospel-centered life? In addition to the three ways suggested in the message (see #6), what other ways can we encourage one another to be awake to what God is doing?
5. Allow 10 minutes (or more) to work through these questions individually and then pair up or subgroup to discuss together.

**Pastor Rick suggests these areas to evaluate:**

### **REFLECT:**

- What fears are driving you right now?
- What are you thankful for?
- Where is God working?
- How is your prayer life?
- What are you trusting Jesus for that is hard and beyond you?

### **REPENT (turn and go a different way)**

- What changes need to be made?
- Where do I need to become more like Jesus?
- What steps to love God and love others can I take this week?

### **REACH**

- Who are you praying for?
- Who are you cultivating a Gospel relationship with?
- What's your next step?

6. What is one thing you learned as a result of studying this passage or participating in this discussion? How can your group pray for you as you make this truth a part of your life?