

I. SERMON SLIDES

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Laodicean Church: Don't Get Comfortable

Revelation 3:14-21

Slide 2:

Revelation 3:14-22 (ESV)

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

“ ‘I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’ ”

II. GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Revelation 3:14-22. Mention anything that stands out to you. Anything that is confusing or convicting.

2. Jesus tells them that their attitude is one of being "lukewarm." The opposite attitude or emotion would be jealous, or zealous. Talk about the symptoms that would be present when someone is lukewarm. What would be happening or not happening?

3. The disease is that they are "rich." Think about what the abundance of resources provide to people. In what way does money help us to attack the fears in our lives and feel more comfortable? Could Laodicea do anything about their cultural environment? In what ways is the American Church experience like Laodicea?

4. There are some things we can do:

a) Choose (or opt-in to) suffering.

What might this look like in our culture?

b) Ask for and remember Grace.

What might this look like?

c) Open the door to your Groom.
What does He want to do with us?

d) Remember where it's all going, and how.
What does overcoming (and conquering) look like, and how did it look for Him?

5. Praise and prayer