

## Life Group Questions

### Part 10 The Church in Laodicea

#### Revelation 3:14-22

1. The sermon highlighted that Laodicea was the "Wall Street of Ancient Asia"; wealthy, famous for its black wool, and home to a medical school known for eye salve. **How does Jesus use these specific cultural details in verses 17–18 to critique the church?**
2. In verse 14, Jesus introduces Himself as "the Amen, the faithful and true witness." The sermon noted that He is the "One who sees reality clearly." **Why is it significant that *this* specific version of Jesus is speaking to a church that thinks it is "rich and prospered"?**
3. Read verses 15–16. The sermon clarified that being "lukewarm" isn't about emotional temperature (being "on fire" vs. "bored"), but about being functional. **If "hot" water heals and "cold" water refreshes, what does it mean practically for a Christian or a church to be "lukewarm" according to this teaching?**
4. The sermon introduced the concept of being "together but alone"—proximity without intimacy. **How might this dynamic manifest in a church setting? How about your home?** Consider the ways can we be physically present and doctrinally sound, yet spiritually distant from one another and God.
5. Jesus quotes the church's internal narrative: *"I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing"* (v. 17). The sermon called this "the whisper of the comfortable soul." **Why is self-sufficiency and stability often more spiritually dangerous than open rebellion or obvious failure?**
6. In verse 18, Jesus counsels them to "buy from me." **Since we know salvation is free, what does this "transaction" actually look like? What is the cost of exchanging our self-sufficiency for His "gold refined by fire"?**
7. We often hear Revelation 3:20 used as an evangelistic invitation for non-believers, but the sermon emphasized that Jesus is speaking to *His own church*. **What does it imply about our spiritual state that Jesus is standing *outside* the door of a "successful" church?**

8. The sermon mentioned that "respectable sins" like competence, control, and comfort are often rewarded in our culture. **Which of these "virtues" do you find most difficult to identify as a potential idol in your own life?**
  
9. The pastor listed three signs that we are drifting into self-sufficiency: 1) We stop praying (because nothing feels urgent). 2) We stop confessing (because sins feel manageable). 3) We stop hungering (because life works fine without Jesus). **Which of these three resonates most with your current season of life, and why?**