



Yours Truly, Jesus: Week 6, *The Church in Sardis*

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read Revelation 3:1-6

1. How is Christ portrayed/described in this passage?
2. How is the church in Sardis portrayed/described in this passage?
3. What prescription or “action step” is given to this church and what will be the result of obedience?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

4. The problem in the Sardis church was not heresy, but spiritual death. The Spirit has no words of commendation for this church that looked so good on the outside but was so corrupt on the inside.
 - How has our culture fallen into the trap of “looking good on the outside but ‘corrupt’ on the inside?”
 - What steps can the church take to change these cultural tendencies in ourselves? In others?
5. Desperation for salvation and dependence on the Holy Spirit is often easily seen when someone commits their life to Christ. Over time, felt desperation for God and dependence on the Holy Spirit can dwindle for a follower of Christ.
 - How can followers of Christ reconnect with their desperation for and dependence on God?
 - What is an area of your life that you need the Holy Spirit to do what you can't?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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