

SPEAK AND WE WILL

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THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

PART 9 — REVIVAL IS CHOOSING INTIMACY OVER SELF-SUFFICIENCY

REVELATION 3:14-22

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MESSAGE NOTES

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION AND APPLICATION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group

1. Which part of the message was most impactful for you and why? Which part of this passage is easiest for you? The hardest?
2. Have you ever refused help when you actually needed it? What made you resist? Looking back, did that produce any consequences?
3. Define: *self-sufficiency*. Think of ways that success can actually produce spiritual self-sufficiency? How? What does self-sufficiency look like practically in a believer's life?
4. Where in your life do you subtly function as though you "need nothing"? When are you most tempted toward lukewarmness?
5. Jesus says, "Those whom I love, I rebuke and discipline." What does this mean to you? How does this change the tone of the letter?
6. Complete this sentence privately: "I feel most self-sufficient when _____."
Now discuss: what would it look like to invite Jesus into that space?
7. On a scale of self-sufficiency to intimacy, where would you honestly place yourself right now? How do you move toward more intimacy?

God, I am a member of Your Church. Help me to listen to what You have to say to me. Thank You for loving me, even when I don't deserve it. Thank You for being willing to take my self-sufficiency and give me true intimacy-true communion with You. Help me to love You and invite You into my everyday, listening to You. In Your Name, Jesus. Amen.