

SERMON SERIES: I Love My Church

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Key Line All In

Introduction

How did you “attend” church today? Make sure if you did not do it last week, that you take time to check in and see how everyone in your group is handling this situation with the COVID-19 virus. Don’t just assume that they are alright. As we know the news changes faster than we can keep up with it and it may cause imbalance which can cause people to lose their way. Brainstorm how to stay connected and engaged with each other and find ways to be “outside” and focus on others.

Seek the Word

Read Revelation 3:14-22

How does Jesus describe Himself to the church at Laodicea?

What does He know about them?

How does He describe his reaction to them?

How strong is this reaction when you know that the word for “spit out” literally means “vomit”?

What would it feel like to you if Jesus said, “You make me sick.”?

What does He say about their own belief about themselves?

What does He advise them to do about it?

What does He say about those He loves?

What is the good news for those who hear His voice?

What do overcomers receive?

Talk About It

If you have time and want to see another place where Jesus talks about the idea of how people think they are and how they really are, there is a great cross reference in the book of John. In chapter 8, Jesus says He is the Light of the world and then in John 9, He gives a visual of what He means, what it means to be blind and what it means to see. It would be a great time of study if your group would read John 9 to see how it relates to Revelation 3:18, “... and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.”

Are there any other choices - what does it mean when Jesus talks about light/dark and seeing/blindness?

You may also, or instead, want to discuss the wrap up of this series. It is entitled, I love My Church, as Jesus speaking to believers. You may want to discuss what message you think Jesus is giving to the “church” now - His believers. For instance when He says in Revelation 3:19, “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”. What would this mean as a direction to the “church”?

Have a look at 1 Corinthians 11:32 for some insight.