



## SUMMER 2026 // WEEK 3

### GrowGroup Questions

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Pastor Pat Finley // Revelation 3:14-22

Laodicea: The Apostate Church



### Introduction

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This Sunday our message is brought to us by Pastor Pat. As we study the seven churches of Revelation we continue to see the same pattern: The greeting, the title for Jesus, the reminder, and the challenge. The church in the city of Laodicea received no commendation from Christ. Laodicea was a prosperous city known for its luxurious black wool industry, and was a banking and medical center. They had become self-sufficient and lost sight of their need for God and the transformational power of the gospel.

**We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. Many of these topics will be touched upon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.**

### Getting Started

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Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage(s) aloud for the group.

### Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

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1. The Laodiceans famously boasted, "I am rich; have become wealthy, and have need of nothing". When you face a problem, do you default to your own resources, bank account, and intellect, or do you earnestly pray and consult God first?
  
2. Have you ever felt like you were going through the religious motions, while your heart lacked genuine zeal for Christ? Evaluate your excitement levels. Are you more passionate and energized about secular hobbies (like sports, television, or social media) than you are about reading Scripture, prayer, and serving others?

3. Lukewarmness isn't usually a conscious choice: it's a slow drift caused by compromise and complacency. If you were to audit your daily schedule, thoughts, and finances, where have you settled for "good enough" or comfortable routines instead of active vibrant faith?
4. In verse 19 Jesus states, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten." (See also Hebrews 12:11.) How do you respond when you face trials, rebukes, or a clear call to change your behavior?
5. Jesus says "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Have you ever struggled to let Him into every room in the house? How about your personal decision-making, workplace, and family interactions, etc.?

## Personal Spiritual Exercises

**Scripture Focus:** take some time this week to read Revelation Revelation 4

### Prayer *(Suggested time: 10-15 min)*

A meaningful part of "coming together" is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you're welcome to pray silently and simply say "Amen" when you're finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God's presence.

1. Pray that our church body is faithful and diligent to lean entirely on Christ in decision making and ministry. Pray for your leaders.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

"I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels." *Isaiah 61:10, "NKJV"*