

# REVELATION

A LETTER TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES

## Session 7: Church of Laodicea - “Lukewarm Faith”

### Ice Breaker (optional)

What is one modern convenience or luxury you enjoy that people 100 years ago didn't have? How do you think comfort can shape the way people view their need for God?

### Sermon Summary

In Revelation 3:14–22, Jesus confronts the Church of Laodicea—a church that believed it was spiritually rich but was actually lukewarm, self-sufficient, and distant from Him. Though outwardly successful, their comfort and wealth had led them to spiritual indifference, leaving Jesus standing outside the very church that bore His name. Yet even in this sharp rebuke, Christ's love is evident as He calls them to repent, exchange their false riches for true spiritual wealth, and open the door to restored fellowship with Him. This letter reminds us that Jesus desires wholehearted devotion, and even when we drift into apathy, His loving invitation to return remains.

### Group Objective

To honestly examine our hearts for spiritual indifference or self-reliance, to rediscover our dependence on Christ, and to respond to His loving call to renewed fellowship and wholehearted devotion.

### Study Questions

1. Read Revelation 3:14–16. Jesus describes the church as “lukewarm.” What does lukewarm faith look like in practical terms today? Why do you think spiritual indifference seems to concern Jesus so strongly?

**Further Scripture:** James 1:22–25; Matthew 15:8; Romans 12:11

2. Read Revelation 3:17. The Laodiceans believed they were rich and needed nothing, but Jesus exposed their true spiritual condition. Why is self-deception so dangerous in our spiritual lives? What are some ways comfort or success can quietly weaken our dependence on God?

**Further Scripture:** Proverbs 16:18; Luke 12:15; 1 Timothy 6:17–19

3. Read Revelation 3:18. Jesus invites them to receive “gold refined by fire,” white garments, and healing for their eyes. What do these images reveal about the kind of riches Jesus offers compared to worldly wealth?

**Further Scripture: 1 Peter 1:6–7; Isaiah 55:1–3; Ephesians 1:18**

4. Read Revelation 3:19. Jesus says He disciplines those He loves. How does this verse reshape the way we view correction, conviction, or difficult seasons in our lives?

**Further Scripture: Hebrews 12:5–11; Proverbs 3:11–12; Psalm 94:12**

5. Read Revelation 3:20. Jesus is pictured standing at the door and knocking. What does this image teach us about Christ’s posture toward believers who have grown distant? How should we respond when we sense Him calling us back?

**Further Scripture: Psalm 24:7–10; James 4:8; John 15:4–5**

6. Read Revelation 3:21. Jesus promises that those who overcome will reign with Him. How does the promise of eternity with Christ motivate us to pursue faithfulness now?

**Further Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:17–18; Revelation 21:3–4**

### **Reflective Question (optional)**

Where might lukewarmness or self-reliance be creeping into your walk with Christ right now? What is one practical step you can take this week to open the door more fully to Jesus?

**Further Scripture: Psalm 139:23–24; Lamentations 3:40; Colossians 3:1–2**

### **Closing Prayer**

We thank You for Your Word and for the loving way You correct and guide us. Just as You spoke to the church in Laodicea, help us to examine our own hearts and recognize any areas where we have become lukewarm, comfortable, or self-reliant. Give us humility to repent where needed and a renewed desire to pursue You with passion and devotion.

Jesus, thank You for loving us enough to knock on the door of our hearts and invite us into deeper fellowship with You. Help us open that door fully this week—trusting You, depending on You, and seeking the true riches that only You can give.

Holy Spirit, stir our hearts toward faithfulness, unity, and bold love for Christ so that our lives and our church reflect Your glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.