

Small Group Discussion Guide

Revelation 3:14-22 | When Christ Is Outside the Church

Theme: Jesus calls a lukewarm church to repent, receive what only He can give, and return to fellowship with Him.

Big Idea

Jesus lovingly confronts spiritual self-sufficiency and invites us into wholehearted dependence and fellowship with Him.



Warm Up

Opening Question

Have you ever thought you were doing “fine” spiritually, but later realized you were drifting? What helped you recognize it?

Follow-up Question

Why is it easy to become comfortable or self-sufficient?



Know It

Read Revelation 3:14–22

Discussion Questions

1. What problem does Jesus identify in the church of Laodicea?
2. What does it mean that they were “lukewarm”?
3. In verse 17, what did the Laodiceans think about themselves?
 - a. What did Jesus say was actually true about them?
4. According to verse 19, why does Jesus rebuke and discipline them?

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Share It

Discussion Questions

1. The Laodiceans said, “I am rich; I have become wealthy and need nothing.” Where do people today tend to feel self-sufficient?
2. Why is spiritual pride so dangerous?
3. What might “lukewarm faith” look like in everyday life?
4. What is the difference between knowing about Jesus and having fellowship with Jesus?



Live

Personal Reflection

Ask the group to quietly consider:

- Where have I become spiritually comfortable?
- Where am I relying on my own resources instead of Christ?
- Is there any area where Jesus is knocking, but I have been slow to open?
- What would repentance look like for me this week?

Discussion Questions

1. Jesus tells them to buy refined gold, white clothes, and eye salve from Him. What do you think each represents?
2. What is one area of your life where you need Jesus to restore spiritual clarity?
3. How can we as a group help each other avoid lukewarm faith?
4. What is one practical step you can take this week to respond to Jesus’ correction?

Possible Applications

Choose one:

- Spend time in prayer each morning asking Jesus to reveal spiritual blind spots.
- Confess one area of self-sufficiency to God and a trusted believer.
- Recommit to consistent time in Scripture.
- Serve someone in a way that costs you comfort.
- Make space for silence and repentance before God.

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Prayer

Pray through the passage together:

- Thank Jesus for being the faithful and true witness.
- Confess areas of lukewarmness or self-sufficiency.
- Ask God for true spiritual riches, righteousness, and clear sight.
- Pray for renewed zeal and repentance.
- Ask Jesus to deepen fellowship with Him.
- Pray that your church would not be comfortable and spiritually blind, but faithful and alive.