

Small Group Study Guide: "The Lukewarm Church" - Revelation 3:14-22

Open with Prayer Requests and Prayer

Icebreaker: "Hot, Cold, or Lukewarm?" Ask the group:

- What's your favorite way to drink coffee, tea, or hot chocolate?
- Why do you think lukewarm drinks aren't as good?

(Transition: Jesus talks about a church that was lukewarm—not hot, not cold—and He had strong words for them. Let's see what He said.)

Scripture Focus: Read Revelation 3:14-22 together as a group.

Discussion Questions:

1. Address to the Church:

- Who is Jesus talking to in this passage (verse 14)?
- What do you know about the city of Laodicea?

2. Description of Christ:

- Jesus calls Himself "the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation" (verse 14). What does this tell us about Jesus?
- How can knowing Jesus is always true and faithful help us trust Him?

3. Criticism (Warning):

- Jesus says the church is "lukewarm" (verse 16). What does that mean?
- Why do you think being lukewarm makes Jesus so upset?
- How can a Christian become lukewarm without even realizing it?

4. Exhortation (Instruction):

- Jesus tells them to buy "gold," "white clothes," and "salve" from Him (verse 18). What do these symbols mean?
- How does Jesus' love show even when He disciplines us (verse 19)?
- What does Jesus mean when He says He is standing at the door and knocking (verse 20)?

5. Promise to the Overcomer:

- Jesus promises that those who conquer will sit with Him on His throne (verse 21). How does that make you feel?
- What are some ways we can open the door to Jesus in our daily lives?

Suggested Application:

1. Personal Reflection:

- Think about your walk with Jesus. Are you hot, cold, or lukewarm? Ask Him to help you stay on fire for Him.

2. Commitment to Change:

- Choose one way to "open the door" to Jesus more fully this week—like praying more, reading your Bible, or confessing sin.

3. Encouraging Others:

- Find someone who might feel "lukewarm" in their faith and encourage them to draw closer to Jesus.

4. Living for Jesus:

- Focus this week on depending on Jesus instead of trying to do everything on your own.

Closing Prayer: Invite someone to pray, asking Jesus to help everyone keep Him at the center of their lives and to stay passionate about following Him.

Optional Worship Song Suggestion:

- "Give Me Jesus" – A song about choosing Jesus over anything the world offers.