

LifeGroup Study Sheet**Nov 1st – Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 6**

This guide is designed to give help prepare you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

The introduction of the 7 Comparisons of the 7 Churches continues this week with the Church of Sardis. Pastor Jeff used 7 points to describe this church.

Sardis

City – Sardis

Compliment – Few Not Soiled

Commitment – 1. Clothed in White

Church - Dead

Criticism – You Are Dead!

2. Name Not Erased

Christ – 7 Spirits & Stars

Challenge – Wake Up!

3. Name Confessed

Pastor Jeff kicked off by describing the reputation the church of Sardis had in their community. How does this statement by Jesus to the church of Sardis get you to look at your own life? What kind of “reputation” are you managing? **(v.1)** Does it reflect who Jesus is, or does it reflect your own image?

Digging In

Read Revelation 3:1-6

Question 1: The church of Sardis was told that they looked to be alive on the outside, but on the inside, they were dead **(v.1)**. A dead church meant that the people inside the church were dead.

When in your life would you say your faith was most alive?

Read Acts 2:42-47. This is a description of a spiritually alive church. Compare the things you see in this church, compared to your own life. How would Jesus evaluate your heart? **Read Ephesians 2:1-2 and Romans 6:23** - what being dead looks like.

Question 2: One of the challenges that Jesus gave the church of Sardis was to “wake up!” **(v. 2)**. Pastor Jeff asked the question, is the church awake? The way that those who are in Christ are to remain alert in their faith is to “remember what you have received and heard and repent.” **(v. 3)**

What are some ways that you remain alert in your faith by remembering the Gospel in your own life? What lulls you to sleep spiritually, or even distracts you spiritually? Would you say you are spiritually alert or spiritually lethargic?

Question 3: Pastor Jeff asked the question, is the church acting? A famous theologian, John Stott asked the question about the role of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers - "He dwells within you; but does he fill you? You possess Him; but does He possess you?"

Discuss that as a group. What is the difference?

Question 4: The last question that Pastor Jeff talks about is if our character as Christ followers has been soiled. Verse 4 says, "some have not soiled their garments and they will walk with me in white for they are worthy." Jesus is asking us, in what ways are you soiling your garments? How are compromising your obedience to Jesus?

Read Zechariah 3:3-7 What does this story show us about how God clothes those who follow Jesus?

Taking it Home

Read Psalm 139:23-24

Have God help you examine your own heart.

What is the condition of it? How do you need to repent?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?

