

LifeGroup Study Sheet**Nov 8th – Revelation of Jesus Christ – Part 7**

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 two different Churches, Church of Philadelphia and Laodicea. Pastor Jeff used 7 points to describe these churches.

Philadelphia

City – Philadelphia

Compliment – Faithful

Commitment – Pillar and Name

Church - Faithful

Criticism – None!

Christ – Holy, True, Key of David Challenge – Hold on!

Laodicea

City – Laodicea

Compliment – None! Commitment – Sit with Jesus

Church – Lukewarm

Criticism – Lukewarm

Christ – Word of Amen

Challenge – Repent!

Which of these churches stood out to you more? Did anything Jesus said to these two church surprise you, concern you, or grab your attention?

Digging In

Read Revelation 3:7-22

Question 1: The church of Philadelphia was commended for having “little strength,” but holding fast to the word of God (**Rev 3:8**). Why do you think Jesus compliments a church for having little strength? Can you remember a time in your life where you had little strength? When that happened, what did you “hold on to”?

Question 2: A repeated theme throughout the letters to the churches in Revelation was “The current world is not all there is, I have much more for you.” To the faithful and overcomers in these churches, Jesus had incredible rewards that He promised His churches. (**Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26-28; 3:5, 12, 21**). **Revelation 3:12**). To the Church of Philadelphia, Jesus told them “I will make you a pillar in the temple of my God” (**Rev. 3:12**). This is referring to our eternal presence with God! What significance does eternity have in your life today? Do you allow yourself to focus on what God promises to believers in eternity or are you stuck focusing on the here and now?

Question 3: The church of Laodicea were described as “rich, they had gotten wealth and did not need anyone or anything” (**Rev 3:17**). The city of Laodicea was not lacking in any material thing, but their spiritual health was lacking greatly.

Read **Rev 3:14** and how Jesus is described to this Church.

- Jesus is the Amen: Jesus is the One who confirms all of God's promises
- Jesus is the faithful and true witness
- Jesus is ruler of God's creation

Why do you think Jesus uses these specific descriptions of Himself to the church of Laodicea? Which ones of these are important for you to think about in today's culture? Explain why!

Question 4: Jesus tells the church of Laodicea to do 3 different things in **Rev 3:18** – 1. To buy from me gold refined by fire, 2. To put on white clothes to cover their nakedness, 3. To salve to anoint their eyes so they can see. What is the spiritual meaning of these things?

Rich – **Read Ephesians 2:4-10**

Naked – **Isaiah 61:10**

Blind – **Acts 9:18 – John 9:35-41**

Why do you think the church of Laodicea is counseled to focus on these 3 things? How does this relate to their spiritual "lukewarmness?"

Taking it Home

In what areas of your life is God knocking? Are you resisting God to come inside certain areas of your life? Think about some of these areas:

- My finances
- My marriage or dating relationships
- My beliefs
- My family
- My emotions
- My habits

Am I allowing Jesus to come inside that specific area and dine with me? (**Rev 3:20-21**)

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?