



Dear Church...

OPEN THE DOOR

*Lessons from the Church of Laodicea
Revelation 3:14-22*

FOR DISCUSSION:

- What's your favorite hot beverage and why? What's your favorite cold beverage and why? What's your favorite lukewarm beverage and why – or don't you have one?
- Share with one another about a time when you responded to something Jesus was asking you to do. What difference did it make?

ENCOUNTER *read God's Word so that He can speak to you - Revelation 3:14-22*

EXPLORE HIS WORD *asking questions of what you saw.*

- 1) Read vv. 15-16 again. And read this description of Laodicea's water supply to better understand the context.
To the north of Laodicea, Hierapolis had healthy hot springs, and to the south, Colossae had cold springs that were clean and refreshing to drink from. But Laodicea had perpetual problems with its water supply, which was brought by aqueduct six miles from the south. By the time the water reached Laodicea, it had become lukewarm. It was tepid, unclean, and undrinkable, the kind of water that makes you sick, that you might spit or vomit out of your mouth, as Jesus is said to do, metaphorically speaking, with the entire Laodicean church.
- 2) Do you think that Jesus feels about some churches today the way He felt about Laodicea? Why?
- 3) Based on v. 17, what seem to be some of the primary problems in the church?

- 4) In what parts of the world are churches most prone to have the same kind of problems as Laodicea? Why? And how might this be concerning?
- 5) Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What parts of this passage might stand out to the believers at Laodicea? What parts stand out the most to you?
- 6) Read 1 John 2:15-17 – why is this a relevant passage for the Laodiceans? For us?
- 7) How do you think the believers of Laodicea felt to receive the counsel from Jesus in v. 18? Why?
- 8) What practices could we adopt that would help us to be more teachable when God or godly people are giving us counsel?
- 9) In general, do you think it is good or bad to be comfortable in your Christian walk. Explain!

10)

What factors might have kept the Laodiceans from opening the door and let Jesus in?

11)

Have you ever felt as though Jesus was knocking on the door of your heart, seeking to get your attention, inviting you to allow Him back in to direct your life? Explain. What did you do?

12)

As a church, what might it look like for us to have an “open door policy” with Jesus – or, what practical things can we be sure to do in order to make sure we never leave Jesus outside knocking?

13)

Is there something you need to ask prayer for specifically before we close – something where you need prayer to have courage to “open the door” and let Jesus in?