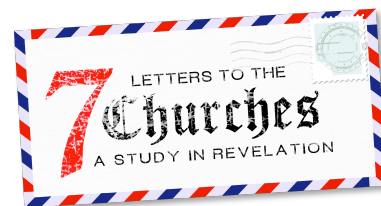


Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 3:1-6



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to the church at Sardis, Jesus confronts them for their dead works, commands them to repent of sin, commends the few who have remained unsoiled, and promises that he will reward the faithful by confessing them before the Father.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What does the text indicate about the cultural and geopolitical context of Sardis?
- What portrait of himself does Jesus reveal to this church? What do the “seven stars” and “seven spirits” signify?
- How is it possible for a church to appear alive but actually be spiritually dead or dying? What was missing from their works? Explain how we can personally and as a church avoid the mere appearance of godliness while denying its power (2 Timothy 3:5)?
- What can we learn from Jesus’ five urgent imperatives (verses 2-3)?
- Based on this text and the rest of Scripture, what is the primary focus, purpose, and impetus for the ministry of the church (1 Corinthians 15:3)?
- What consequence do they face should they refuse to repent?
- How had a few remained “unsoiled” and “worthy” of reward? What is the ultimate assurance of our worthiness before God?
- What the three-fold promise awaits God’s faithful children? Explain how these words of warning and encouragement motivate us to pursue holiness and live on mission for God’s glory?