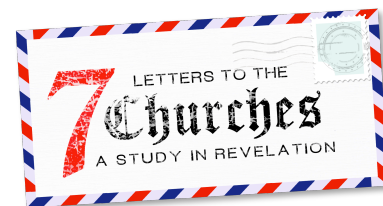


Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, June 21, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to the church at Laodicea, Jesus declares his deity and ultimacy as God's faithful witness, reveals his disgust for their wretched condition, graciously calls them to repentance and faith in him, and promises to reward those who remain faithful.

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

- What does the text indicate about the cultural and geopolitical context of Laodicea?
- Explain what Jesus means by declaring himself:
 - The "Amen" (2 Corinthians 1:20)
 - The "Faithful and True Witness"
 - The "Beginning of God's Creation" (Colossians 1:15-18)
- What about the church of Laodicea disgusted Jesus (verse 15)? What is Jesus pointing out by calling them "lukewarm"? Contrast how the self-deceived church perceived itself and Jesus' true, spiritual assessment.
- How does Jesus graciously offer to redeem their "wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked" state (verse 18)? Why did he expose their sin (verse 19)?
- Has the Holy Spirit revealed sin in your life that you've blinded yourself to?
- What is the context of Jesus' statement, "I stand at the door and knock"? Do you think Jesus is welcome, loved, and honored at King's Chapel?
- What reward does Jesus promise to those who conquer (faithfully endure)? How do we know this promise is certain?