

# Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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## BIBLE PASSAGES - Revelation 3:14-22

**14** "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

**15** "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! **16** So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. **17** For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. **18** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. **19** Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. **20** Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. **21** The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. **22** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'"

**Other Passages:** Isaiah 65:16, Col. 2:1, 4:13-16, Heb. 12:5-6

### Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

### Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

**Challenge:**

1. Take time to read Isaiah 65, this chapter is a prophetic look at the end of time. How does this chapter help you understand God and how he describes himself in Rev. 3:14?
2. Doc spoke about Laodicea's notoriety, prosperity, ingenuity, tenacity and identity, reflecting on all you learned as he preached, how does that change the meaning of what Jesus says in Rev. 3:14-22?
3. The people of Laodicea lost their vision, vitality, and values. Where are you personally? If you have lost one, or would lose one, which one would go first? Take time to reflect and share.
4. We don't like to be disciplined, or experience any sort of suffering, yet the Bible talks about God using discipline to bring us back to him. Can you think of a time God disciplined you in love? What was that like?
5. Where in your life is God knocking on your door? What needs to be opened to his love?

**Clarify:**

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

**Celebrate:**

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**