

OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

OPEN THE DOOR AGAIN

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REVELATION 3:14-22

Introduction

1. You Are Not _____

2. You Seriously _____ Your Spiritual Condition

• _____, not _____

• _____, not _____

• _____, not _____

3. _____ the Door Again

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

Icebreaker: If you were to get a tattoo (c'mon, play along), what would it say?

1. Why are Jesus' letters to the seven churches in Revelation an appropriate study for Lent? What are the three parts of each letter? How does Jesus break that pattern in his letter to the Laodiceans- and what's the significance of that?
2. Read Revelation 3:14, 15. How do we know that "hot" and "cold" in these verses do not refer to the temperature of the Laodiceans' spiritual passion? What do these two words refer to? (Hint: read again the opening phrase of v.15.)
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Explain: "We are not saved by good works, but we are saved for good works." Put v.10 in your own words.
4. Read Galatians 6:10, Ephesians 4:16 and Romans 12:4, 5. These verses describe an important context in which we are to do good deeds. What is that context and why is our usefulness there so important?
5. Read Matthew 25:31-46. What categories of people (several) should be on the receiving end of our good deeds according to this passage? What does an absence of good deeds indicate?
6. Go to ccclife.org/communityimpact. If you were to consider one of these serving opportunities (for yourself or your family/Community Group), which would it be and why?
7. Read Revelation 3:17, 18. In what ways did the Laodiceans overrate their spiritual condition (i.e. explain poor/wealthy, blind/able-to-see, naked/ clothed)?
8. What do the following passages teach about the dangers of wealth? Matthew 6:19-21; 13:22; 19: 23, 24; Luke 12:16-21. Give some examples of how your use of money might get in the way of your spiritual growth.
9. Read Ephesians 4:22-24, Romans 13:14 and Colossians 3:12. In what ways might a Christ follower be naked? Practically speaking, what would the process of putting on these clothes include? In what ways would too great a concern about outward appearance undermine this process?
10. Read Revelation 3:19, 20. How do Jesus' rebukes demonstrate his love for us? Why is it insulting to Jesus that he is knocking on the door of our lives? How do we open the door? What is the picture of Jesus eating with us meant to convey?
11. My personal application from this study is...