



Sermon Discussion Curriculum

Week 5 – Rev. 3:1-6; 14-22 – Jan. 31, 2021

Helpful Resources for Studying Revelation

Revelation for You by Tim Chester – <https://bit.ly/RevForYou>

The BibleProject Videos – Rev. 1-11: <https://bit.ly/Rev1-11> Rev. 12-22: <https://bit.ly/Rev12-22>

Revelation: The Triumph of God – <https://bit.ly/TriumphOfGod>

Revelation: by William Subash – *RightNow Media* – <https://bit.ly/williamsbush>

Revelation can be an intimidating book to study. As you continue this endeavor, allow God to speak to you through his written Word.

The goal of this time is to have quality connection and time together. Choose questions from Know, Grow and Show that will best help your group discuss the passage and take their next steps of faith. Don't feel like you have to use all of the questions. Feel free to add your own too! We are praying for you as you lead your D-Group this week!



KNOW:

- When you go to Starbucks, how do you decide between a cold drink or a hot drink? Have you ever requested a new drink because it wasn't hot enough? What is it about a lukewarm drink that causes you to want to send it back or even spit it out?
- Describe a time in your life when you became complacent? What things changed around you due to your complacency? How did your complacency affect those around you?
- Is there a difference between discipline and punishment? How would you describe the difference? Share a story of either from your past with the D-Group.
- Digital marketing experts estimate that most Americans are exposed to around 4,000 to 10,000 ads each day. Which advertisements on TV are the most memorable to you right now? What advertisements have caught your attention today, that may be a bit more subtle?



GROW:

- Read Revelation 3:1-6 and 14-22. What is similar about these two churches? What is different?
- As you read the opening description of Jesus to each church, how does this description match the specific message to the church?
- What would you say was the biggest concern Christ had for the church in Sardis? What does Jesus call this church to do?
- What would you say was the biggest concern Christ had for the church in Laodicea? What does Jesus call this church to do?
- Revelation 3:20 is a verse that is often taken out of context and used by itself in evangelism. Go back and read the verses before and after. To whom is Jesus speaking in this verse? After reading the verse in context, what new insight do you have about this verse?
- As you think through all seven of these churches that Jesus addressed (Rev. 2-3), what have you learned about Jesus? What have you learned about how he views the church? What have you learned about your own heart?



SHOW:

- One of the challenges facing the seven churches was the pressure to conform to the Roman culture, its traditions and its religious views. The argument could be made that the 21st-century church is also facing similar pressure to conform to today's culture. What you say are some of the things that the church today is being pressured to conform to? How should we address those issues? And how can we address them in a way that is loving and God-honoring?
- Have you personally become spiritually complement? Confess this with your D-Group. Ask the D-Group to support you in this way. What are some behaviors or patterns in your life that help you recognize that in yourself? What are some practical steps to help you move away from complacency?
- Christ commanded the church in Sardis in Revelation 3:1-6 to repent and remember. As you seek to grow in Christ, what verse of scripture could you study this week to remind you of who God is and what He has done for you?
- Which of these messages to all seven churches do you most identify with? How has this message impacted you?
- If Jesus were to direct John to write a letter to Fellowship Bible Church, what might he say? Think about your campus, how might his message be more specific to you? Pray, confess, and repent as a D-Group.