

Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 10, 2019



Get Busy Living or Get Busy Dying

Revelation 3:1-6

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Get to Know You

Name a product, restaurant, band or food that you believe is highly overrated.

Study the Book

Read Revelation 3:1-6

What compromises have you made with the world or what convictions have you hidden from the world so that everyone will speak well of you?

What is missing from today's letter that was included in the previous four letters? (Answer on back)

Why is the exclusion of each of these significant?

What was Jesus's "I know" statement about Sardis in verse one?

Read 1 Peter 2:12 and 2 Timothy 3:12

How can both of these verses be lived out in a believer's life?

Wake up and get busy living what you believe no matter the cost.

What did Jesus suggest for the believers in Sardis in order to wake up from their stupor (verses 2-3a)?

What had these believers received and heard?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:3-4

How is the gospel still the most important thing even for a lifelong believer?

Waking up doesn't mean gaining some new thing that stimulates your imagination, some new teaching, some new insight. It starts by going back to that first truth: Christ died for our sins and rose again, conquering both the penalty of sin and the power of death in a single weekend. Remember what you have received.

How do you hold fast to the gospel?

What two things in verses 4-5 are in store for those who wake up and hold fast?

What encouragement can this vision bring to us in 2019?

Group Application Discussion

What might be a collection of Yelp! or Google Reviews that would be 4-5 stars on the internet but not necessarily meaningful to what God wants for Hillcrest?

What might be a collection of Yelp! or Google Reviews that would reflect a God-honoring, obedient, and faithful church?

Rhetorical Question: Are you contributing to the God-honoring type reviews or are you contributing to what might be 4-5 star meaningless reviews?

Personal Reflection and Application

Are you living in a way that is being both praised and criticized by those outside the faith? How might you need to grow in either praise or criticism?

Answer: There is no mention of persecution, no mention of heresy, and no mention of anything praiseworthy.