

# Common Ground Café

Sermon Discussion Guide

Sunday, November 24, 2019



Let Jesus Back In

Revelation 3:14-22

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## Get to Know You

Do you drink hot or iced coffee? How about cold or room temperature water?

## Study the Book

Read Revelation 3:14-22

### **The Identifiable Symptom: Spiritually Lukewarm**

Why would Jesus have referred to their water supply? What was unique about it?

Read Romans 12:11

Pastor Tom broke down the phrasing of this verse during the sermon. What were some of the key insights Pastor Tom mentioned?

What differences are described between the Laodiceans and the commands of Romans 12:11?

### **The Underlying Disease: Deluded Self-Regard**

The most important trade route of the Roman world ran through the city of Laodicea and it became a commercial success. The city was so well-off that after a massive earthquake in AD60, Laodicea needed no help from Rome in rebuilding.

How did Jesus see the believers of Laodicea in verse 17?

How did Jesus see the believers in Smyrna in Revelation 2:9?

Of course, Jesus wasn't condemning the Christians of Laodicea just because they were rich any more than he was praising the Christians of Smyrna just because they were poor. The Bible calls work and wealth a blessing from God, but the Bible often warns about the dangers of wealth. The desire to get it and keep it can lead us to make unacceptable compromises, it can lead us to become indifferent to those in poverty, and it can lead us to lose our hunger for God.

### **The Crucial Prescription: Renewed Fellowship with Christ**

Read Revelation 3:18-19

Jesus advised the poor, naked, and blind to buy gold, clothes, and ointment from Him. But how can the poor buy these things...

Read Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7.

The way we buy from Jesus what we need from Jesus is to have fellowship with Jesus. Read Revelation 3:20.

### **Group Application Discussion**

The Laodiceans wanted to make Jesus puke but He still was knocking on their door to have fellowship with them. How do we engage in with Christ to grow in our fellowship as He is pursuing us?

What keeps us from being energetic and excited about fellowship with God?

## **Personal Reflection and Application**

How would you rate your excitement for the things of God?