

THE FIND AND FOLLOW EXPERIMENT

Letters to the Churches - Revelation 2-3 |

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TALK IT OVER

KEY SCRIPTURE

Revelation 2:1-7

John 13:34-35

Revelation 2:8-11

Revelation 3:14-22

Matthew 5:13

START TALKING. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the first question you want to ask Jesus when you meet him in eternity?

START THINKING. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What things about our lives do you believe Jesus will be most pleased with when we see him?

START SHARING. Choose a question to create openness.

• **Read Revelation 2:1-7**

- Look at all the list things the Ephesians are approved for in v. 2-3. Is it surprising that despite all this, Jesus rebukes the church in Ephesus for lack of love? Why or why not?

• **Read John 13:34-45**

- What do Jesus's words to the disciples help us to understand about the priority of love in a church?

- How can a church like Ephesus succeed in all those other ways while doing a poor job with love?

- What do you think happens to a church that focuses on everything but love for one another, and how can we avoid this error?

• **Read Revelation 2:8-11**

- Why is it so difficult to trust your life circumstances more than we trust in Christ, and how did the church in Smyrna have this issue?

- What are ways that we can overcome the pressure that our circumstances place on us and hold on to the promises of Jesus?

• **Read Revelation 3:14-22 and Matthew 5:13**

- How do Jesus's words in Revelation 3 echo his words in Matthew 5, and why might they be similar?

- Looking back at Rev. 3:17, what things were the Laodicean church getting its value from, and how could this make a church lukewarm?

- In what ways might we struggle with the same things, and what could be a cure for lukewarmness?

START PRAYING. Be bold and pray with power.

- Pray God give us awareness of our own weaknesses and an obedience to repent and walk faithfully.

START DOING. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Take five minutes to list out the things in life that tempt you toward lukewarmness, and make plan to avoid them (bonus points if you talk it through with a Christian friend).

Helping people find & follow Jesus.