

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Week 7 | Dependence | Rev. 3:14-22

Ice Breaker

Share a time when you were counting on someone or something and they let you down.

General Study Questions

- How does this passage fit into the book as a whole?
- How does it flow from the previous section of the text?
- What in the passage stands out to you?
- How does this passage minister to its original audience?
- How does this text minister to us today?
- Is there a sin to confess?
- Is there a cause for thanksgiving or praise to God?
- Is there a promise or truth to trust in?
- Is there an attitude to change?
- Is there a command to obey or an example to imitate?
- Is there anything confusing or hard to understand about the passage?
- How is the gospel present in this passage?
- What is the single, main point of the passage?
- How would you apply this passage to your life?

Text Specific Questions

1. Read Rev. 3:14. What did each of the titles given to Jesus mean to the original audience? What do they mean to you?
2. What does it mean in the passage to not be cold or hot? What does it mean to have a "lukewarm" faith?
3. Read Rev. 3:17-18. How did the Laodicean church see themselves spiritually? Why does God see it so differently?
4. Like Laodicea, we can assume because we are financially wealthy that we must be spiritually wealthy, too. How can we protect ourselves from this danger?
5. Rev. 3:19 reminds us that God disciplines those He loves. How have you seen this in your own life?
6. What does it mean in Rev. 3:20 that God will enter through the door and eat with us? What does it mean in Rev. 3:21 that we will sit with Jesus on His throne? How do these promises encourage us not to depend on our own strength but to depend on God?
7. At the end of the message on Sunday, we talked about four "symptoms" of depending on God (prayer, humility, stewardship, contentment). How are you seeing each of these four things in your own life? What's one action step you can take to grow in one of these? Consider writing down your answers in your metric and output sections of your journal.

Close in Prayer

Have each person share any additional prayer requests they may have. Spend some time praying for those requests as well as the outputs people have written down or shared. If you have a larger group, consider breaking up into smaller groups of 2-3 for this time. Be sure to write down prayer requests and outputs so you can pray during the week.

