

REVELATION

A Message to God's Church

Week 9: Revelation 3:14 – 22

OPENING QUESTIONS

Read through Revelation 3:14 – 22 aloud together as a group. In your initial reading, what pops out at you? Discuss. Why is this significant to you?

JESUS' NAME

We can always rest in God's faithfulness and truth, regardless of our life situation.

What do the titles, "the Amen" and "the faithful and true Witness" signify in verse 14?

How do these verses give clarity to those titles?

- Isaiah 65:16
- John 14:6
- 2 Corinthians 1:20
- Revelation 19:11

The ESV reads that He is the "Beginning of the God's creation." What insight do these verses give to help you understand the meaning of that phrase?

- John 1:1-3
- Colossians 1:15-18
- Hebrews 1:2

In what situations of life are you most encouraged by His faithfulness and truth?

If you truly rested in God's faithfulness and truth, how would that impact your life?

OUR SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Look to Jesus as the source of life and fulfillment, not worldly things that have no eternal value.

The Laodicean church was guilty of self-sufficiency. In what areas of your life do you lean toward self-sufficiency instead of looking to Christ's sufficiency?

We are all in danger of putting our trust in the wrong things for fulfillment and satisfaction in life. In what areas of your life are you most tempted to do that?

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CHRIST'S DISCIPLINE AND OUR REPENTANCE

Jesus desires intimate fellowship with us.

How do reproof and discipline play a role in loving someone? (See also Hebrews 12:6-11.)

In Revelation 3:19, why is it necessary for them to be “zealous” (ESV) or “earnest” (NIV) along with repentance in their situation?

What do you learn about God from this passage and how does it relate to the church at Laodicea?

“Repentance means that you realize that you are a guilty, vile sinner in the presence of God, that you deserve the wrath and punishment of God, that you are hell-bound. It means that you begin to realize that this thing called sin is in you, that you long to get rid of it, and that you turn your back on it in every shape and form. You renounce the world whatever the cost, the world in its mind and outlook as well as its practice, and you deny yourself, and take up the cross and go after Christ.” – D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

How do you view repentance?

Jesus desires intimate fellowship with us.

Is your relationship with Christ growing in intimacy, or is He standing outside, waiting for you to involve Him in your life? Do you desire intimate fellowship with Him; and if so, how are you bringing it about?

CLOSING QUESTION

So, what are we, as individuals and as a Missional Community, going to do with this section of Scripture? What is God calling us to be? What is God calling us to do?