

# REVELATION

A Message to God's Church

## Week 7: Revelation 3:1 – 6

### OPENING QUESTIONS

Read through Revelation 3:1 – 6 aloud together as a group. In your initial reading, what pops out at you? Discuss. Why is this significant to you?

### DEAD OR ALIVE?

*“We can sing the hymns, led by choir and band or orchestra. We can recite the creed, say the confession, and join in the prayers, while our mind wanders and our heart is far from God.” – John Stott (What Christ Thinks of the Church, p. 85)*

*“No matter what its attendance, no matter how impressive its buildings, no matter what its status in the community, such a church, having denied the only source of spiritual life, is dead.” – John MacArthur (New Testament Commentary on Revelation, p. 112)*

In Isaiah 29:13, God addresses some characteristics of spiritual “deadness.” List the characteristics. How are these characteristics evident in some churches today?

What observations concerning “spiritual aliveness” can you make from these passages?

- John 6:63
- John 7:37-39
- John 15:5

Read Ephesians 5:15 – 21. Describe the Spirit-filled life according to these verses.

Have you ever walked into a time of gathered worship on a Sunday morning (Missio Dei Church or elsewhere) and felt as though it was very active but dead? How can a church come alive again?

Is our church in danger of becoming a dead church? Why or why not?

### 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?