

## Revelation

### God's Promises Fulfilled



#### Key Scriptures

*“To the angel[a] of the church in Sardis write:*

*These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. 2 Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. 3 Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.*

*4 Yet you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes. They will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. 5 The one who is victorious will, like them, be dressed in white. I will never blot out the name of that person from the book of life, but will acknowledge that name before my Father and his angels. 6 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.*

REVELATION 2:18-29 (NIV)

## TALK IT OVER

#### Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What is your favorite food to eat?
- What would you rather do than anything else in the world right now if you could do anything at this moment?

#### Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- What do you think it means to be alive?
- Someone once said, “To be a risk-taker is to live a shorter life, but to never risk anything is to never live.” What do you think that means?

#### Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- John gets real with the church in Sardis...He shares with them that they have a reputation of being alive but are spiritually dead...What are ways that you have either witnessed this, or ways that you might have felt this in your life?
- What do you think is the solution to waking up?

#### Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

*Holy God, you are life and give life abundantly. You want us to truly live for you and not for ourselves. Help us to live in a way that will hold fast to your Spirit and truly live in a way that is pleasing unto you. By Your Son, wake us up spiritually to your goodness and life. In Christ's name we pray. Amen*

#### Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Be specific - What is something that you can do this week to truly live for God? What is something you can do this week to truly live life to its fullest?
- How can the group pray for you this week?