



HTC SMALL GROUP

Discussion Questions

Sermon Title: If Anyone Hears My Voice

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Scripture: Revelation 3

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Go around the group and ask, “Are you a heavy sleeper or light sleeper?” Any stories you want to share?

READ 3:1-6

1. Sardis has a reputation that is very different from reality. How do you think this happened?
2. Are Christians today sometimes more concerned with outer spiritual appearance (i.e. reputation) than inner spiritual life? **What’s the solution?**
3. **Jesus threatens to “come like a thief” if they don’t wake up.** What does this mean?
4. Verse 4 uses clothing as a metaphor to talk about spiritual condition with phrases like “soiled their clothes” and “dressed in white.” Why is this kind of imagery effective? Why is this appropriate for Sardis?
5. What promise for eternal security is given in verse 5?

READ 3:7-13

6. **What do you think the “open door” refers to in verse 8?**
7. Jesus is **impressed with what they have accomplished with “little strength.”** What can we learn from this?
8. Verses 9 and 10 give the church a few things to look forward to. What are they and what questions or comments do you have?
9. What command do they keep in verse 10 and how does this speak to you?
10. **What does “pillar” symbolize in verse 12?** Why is this a description worth looking forward to?

READ 14-22

11. **Laodicea is described as neither “hot nor cold.”** Why is “lukewarm” such an unappealing description?
12. **How does their view of themselves differ from God’s view?** Why do you think they have such a warped view of themselves?
13. **The Laodiceans receive “counsel” in verse 18 that is figurative not literal.** What point is being made?
14. In verse 19 God promises something for those He loves. How does He go about fulfilling this promise? Why might it change our view of hardship and pain?
15. What does it mean to open the door to the Lord? What does His promise mean to you?
16. Any takeaways from this week's lesson that really challenge you?