



## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Ice Breaker:** Play a game of “hot & cold” by hiding a present or object in the room and have someone try to locate it by telling them they are “cold, warm, warmer, HOT, etc.” Was it difficult to find the gift/object when you didn’t know where to look? How so?

**Instructions:** Bi-weekly groups, answer questions 2 & 4 this week.

1. This week we are talking about the message to the church in Laodicea. Read Revelation 3:14-22. Pastor Tom said that it is the most misunderstood of the 7 messages. Why is it misunderstood?
2. What is the common interpretation of “lukewarm” (see notes)? What is the definition that is more appropriate for this passage (see notes)? How are these interpretations different? How does knowing the history and geography of the region where Laodicea is located help us understand this passage? What does lukewarmness look like in this church? How might it have been prevented?
3. Re-read Revelation 3:14-22. Why is lukewarmness dangerous? How do blind spots grow in our lives? Read Matthew 23:25-28. How does Jesus’ challenge here compare to the church in Laodicea? In what ways do we fall into similar dangerous routines? Where are you stuck? What steps do you need to take to get unstuck? How might your group support you in this effort?
4. Pastor Tom explained that the answer for Laodicea’s lukewarmness and our own is Jesus Himself. What might it look like to totally rely on Jesus on a daily basis? Take some time to break into groups of three...guys with guys and ladies with ladies. Have each person answer the question, How do you need Jesus to work in your life today? Pray for one another.

## PERSONAL GUIDE FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

**DAY 1** - Read Revelation 3:14-22. *How is your life like/unlike this church? What step do you need to take considering this comparison?*

**DAY 2** - Read Matthew 23:25-28. *What parts of your life are you unwilling to clean? Surrender those areas to Jesus and ask him to cleanse you and help you move forward.*

**DAY 3** - Read Matthew 7:1-20. *What kind of fruit is in your life?*

**DAY 4** - Read 2 Corinthians 13:5. *Take some time to prayerfully examine your faith.*

**DAY 5** - Read John 15:1-17. *How’s your “love life” going?*

**FURTHER READING** - Francis Chan asks us, “Are You a Lukewarm Christian?” Read his challenging questions @ [http://bit.ly/R\\_U\\_lukewarm](http://bit.ly/R_U_lukewarm)





## “Fistful of Dollars” [Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

Jesus’ message to Laodicea is the most familiar and referred to...it’s also the most \_\_\_\_\_ of the 7 messages of Jesus.

#### 1. Jesus Knows His \_\_\_\_\_ (note Revelation 3:14-15)

Laodicea = w \_\_\_\_\_ city in Asia Minor.

3 major industries = banking, textile manufacturing ( \_\_\_\_\_ wool),  
medical school (famous \_\_\_\_\_ salve).

Great weakness = no \_\_\_\_\_ supply.

Note Colossians 4:16

#### 2. Jesus Knows Our \_\_\_\_\_ Condition (note Revelation 3:15-16)

“Lukewarm” = commonly interpreted to mean “lack of \_\_\_\_\_, indifferent,  
apathetic”...but is that what it really means...?

Does the Bible ever teach that God wants His people to be rebellious and antagonistic  
anywhere else? \_\_\_\_\_!

Hieropolis (6 miles away) = famous hot \_\_\_\_\_ water.

Colasse (12 miles away) = ice-cold \_\_\_\_\_ water.

“lukewarm” = “lacking \_\_\_\_\_” (there was nothing going on  
that really mattered...).

#### 3. Jesus Knows Our \_\_\_\_\_ Spots (note Revelation 3:16-17)

One of the worst things about “lukewarmness” is that those \_\_\_\_\_  
by it are often blind to that reality.

Revelation 3:16 = “ \_\_\_\_\_...sick”

This church had learned to function without \_\_\_\_\_ and was unable to  
discern its’ great spiritual need.

Revelation 3:17b = “wretched ones \_\_\_\_\_ excellence”

“poor, blind, and naked” ( \_\_\_\_\_ known for banking, eye salve, black wool).

*The world is sleeping in the dark, but the church just can’t fight, ‘cause it’s asleep in the  
\_\_\_\_\_.* (Keith Greene).

“Lukewarmness” is so serious because it affects people outside of God’s family, as  
well as people in the church.

#### 4. Jesus Has the Answer to Our \_\_\_\_\_ (note Revelation 3:18-21)

Revelation 3:14 = “ \_\_\_\_\_” = “so be it”; “ruler” = “the  
b \_\_\_\_\_”.

Jesus Himself is the \_\_\_\_\_ (note Matthew 6:19-21).

This harsh rebuke/correction of Jesus proved His \_\_\_\_\_.

What Jesus wants us to know and do:

- No church, no matter how spiritually healthy...is \_\_\_\_\_ from  
becoming “lukewarm”...
- We need to keep the main thing the main thing.
- “Lukewarmness” can be an i \_\_\_\_\_ matter, too (note  
Revelation 3:20).
- Is my life being used to heal spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ people?
- Is my life being used to r \_\_\_\_\_ spiritually weary people?

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Great weakness = no water supply.

Note Colossians 4:16

#### 2. Jesus Knows Our Spiritual Condition (note Revelation 3:15-16)

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Does the Bible ever teach that God wants His people to be rebellious and antagonistic anywhere else? NO!

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