

# Be Zealous (3/2/25)

## Discussion Questions

**Summary:** The last of the seven letters is the most severe in its rebuke from King Jesus. This lukewarm church is in danger of being vomited from the Lord's mouth. Yet they believed they were blessed and successful! This letter invites us to pray for three miracles from the Lord to renew our zeal: 1) for help to see the truth clearly; 2) for faith to trust in Jesus fully and; 3) for strength to serve the Lord diligently. Let's pray for these miracles of grace in each of us and in our whole church family!

*"I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot... So, because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth."* Revelation 3:15-16

### Three Prayers to the Lord Jesus to Renew our Zeal:

1. Help us See the truth clearly
  - Jesus: sees, saves and serves the church (v. 14, 18)
  - Us: confused, corrupt, captive (v. 17)
  - The World: deceptive, depraved, decaying (v. 16)
2. Help us Trust completely in your Salvation
  - Forgiveness, Freedom, Fulfillment (v. 18; Is. 55:1)
3. Help us Serve your Kingdom purposes diligently
  - Radical, responsive, reigning with Christ (v. 19-21; Rev. 22:5)

*"I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see."* Revelation 3:18

### Get Started:

1. How good is your vision? If you use corrective lenses, when did you start using them and how did you know you needed to?
2. Are there times and places it is especially hard for you to see, such as driving at night or in the fog?

### Dig Deeper:

3. Read Revelation 3:14-22. What stands out to you in this passage?
4. How is Jesus introduced and described in v. 14? Why do you think that is significant?
5. What does Jesus affirm about the church in Laodicea? What does this tell us?
6. What does Jesus confront in this church (v. 15-17)?
7. How does Jesus exhort the believers in Sardis (v. 18-20)?
8. How do the promises in vv. 20-21 encourage you?

### Move Forward:

9. Do you sometimes feel "lukewarm" in your faith and devotion? Why or why not?
10. As a mostly middle class, suburban church do you think we might be vulnerable to the false self-perception described in verse 17? Can you relate to that yourself?
11. Have you felt the Lord lovingly correcting and reproving you through this series? If so, how?
12. What is the Lord saying to you today? How can we pray for you?