

This discussion guide is designed for Saylorville Church Community Groups as they meet and apply God's Word each week. The sermons and guides can be found each week at www.saylorvillechurch.com/sermons.

WANT MORE CONTEXT AND COMMENTARY?

- For a glossary of end-times terminology, take a look at **[this document and chart](#)**.
- Check out this free **[verse-by-verse commentary](#)** and video teachings from Stephen Armstrong.

CONNECT WITH YOUR GROUP (10-15 MINUTES)

- What's your favorite mystery story? Do you like movies, shows, or books that make you think, "Who did it?" Why do you think stories like this are so intriguing for most of us?
- Read through the passage for this morning: Revelation 3:1-6. The Church at Sardis was dead or dying. According to the text, "Who/what did it?" What are the clues in the text?

APPLY THE BIBLE (45-60 MINUTES)

- **Remember** what you talked about last time. Is there anything you need to **follow up** on this week?
- **Review** your Sermon Notes together. What is **one thing** that sticks out to you about what you learned?
- **Read** this week's passage together. In his message, **Pastor Pat taught us how the Church at Sardis was dying from two self-inflicted wounds, and how we might be too.**

Two Self-Inflicted Wounds Killing The Church At Sardis:**1. Complacency (Revelation 3:1-3)**

- As a group, come up with a definition of "complacency", then look up the definition online or in a dictionary. Based on your definition, why do you think complacency can be so dangerous for churches?
- What are some areas in life where you personally are tempted to be spiritually complacent? What might be at risk in the future if you continue to be complacent in those areas?
- Pastor Pat said that some of the ways to combat complacency are remembrance and repentance. How do these two acts help us wage spiritual war against complacency?
- As a group, stop and pray right now that God will cause you to eliminate spiritual complacency from your lives. Be specific as you pray together.

2. Compromise (Revelation 3:2-5 and 1 Thessalonians 1:9)

- The Christians in the Church at Sardis had "soiled their garments" with the mud of the evil culture around them. If Jesus were to speak to Saylorville Church today, what evil might He see on our spiritual garments?
- What would it look like for a Church to have Gospel influence in the world, but to remain unstained by the world?
- Pastor Pat retold a story about ten thousand Hindu people who were willing to simply add Jesus to their "god-shelf" along with thousands of other deities. Be honest, when you think of the Gospel, are you tempted to simply "add Jesus" to your life, or to make Jesus your MAIN story?

Receive and Respond: What will I do because of what I just heard?

PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)

- Ask God to reveal to you where you have allowed yourself to start down the road of complacency and compromise. Little choices lead to big changes, so begin to make healthy spiritual choices today!

