

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](http://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 is your favorite hot drink? Are you a coffee person? Pumpkin spice lattes anyone? Maybe hot tea?
- What is your favorite cold drink? Ice-water? Soda? Maybe you love a good southern iced-tea?
- What's the problem with lukewarm, room temperature beverages?
- What's the problem with living a spiritually lukewarm life - neither hot and healing nor cold and refreshing?

**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 Abe exhorted us to repent of our lukewarmness and self-sufficiency**.

**Context:**

- Laodicea was an important city, known for its great wealth, its unique black wool, its medicinal eye-salve, and its aqueducts that provided water to the region. What might be some of the inherent temptations that come along with being part of a church in a wealthy, prosperous area?

**A Message From Jesus To Laodicea And To Us:****1. Jesus Gives Us A Hard Word (Revelation 3:14-17)**

- When was the last time you were confronted by someone? How did you respond? Would you respond differently if you could re-live that moment?
- Jesus called the Church at Laodicea "lukewarm" because of their lack of love for Him. What might a "lukewarm love" for Jesus look like today in our church? Are you personally in love with Jesus, or has your love for Jesus become lukewarm?

**2. Jesus Gives Us Counsel (Revelation 3:18-19)**

- Laodicea had become self-sufficient. They thought they had everything they needed without Jesus. What are some of the earthly materials, ideas, or comforts that you find yourself sometimes relying on instead of God? When do you most often find yourself saying to God, "I've got this"?
- Pastor Abe said, "God's purpose in disciplining us is not to punish us but to bring us back to Him" (See Proverbs 3:11-12). What worldly thinking do you need to repent of today?

**3. Jesus Gives Us Hope (Revelation 3:20-22)**

- Why is the illustration of Jesus knocking on the door to our hearts such a meaningful one?
- What areas of your life have you tried to keep Jesus out of? Are you willing to answer the door and let Jesus in to every part of your heart? What is at risk if you don't?

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

**PRAY TOGETHER (5-15 MINUTES)**

- Take time to repent individually and as a group. Thank God for His discipline and forgiveness.

