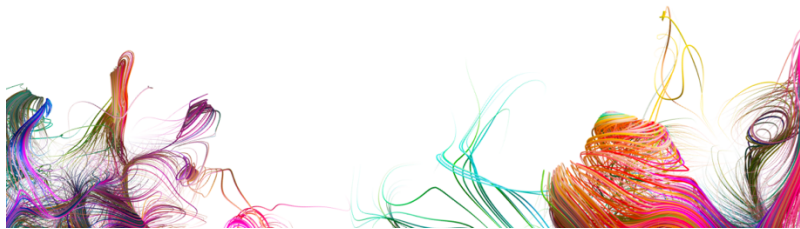


REVELATION

FINDING PEACE IN A
WORLD OF CHAOS




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AWAKENING
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Week 9: Letter 7: A Lukewarm Church

Date: Week of 3/3/24

Scripture: Revelation 3:14-22

Bridgebuilder Opening

1. What are some areas of life that tempt you to do it all yourself? What is the normal effect when you choose to do so?

Observations and Interpretations

1. Read (Rev. 3:14-22), and circle or highlight any words that stand out to you. What are some of your observations from this initial reading of the text?
2. What is the preference for either cold or hot water over lukewarm water? How does that apply to Christian faith?
 - a. Cold or hot water were sought after for usefulness. Cold was refreshing to drink and hot was useful for cleaning. Lukewarm water was not as useful and more prone to bacteria/disease.
3. How did the Laodiceans' worldly wealth lead them to being a lukewarm church? What is Jesus' prescription for this problem?
4. What hope is offered in vs. 19-20 despite most of this letter being pretty harsh to the church?

5. What is the main thing John is trying to teach us in these verses? (final question)

Applications

1. This year our church is focusing on the theme of helping to bring *peace* into our lives and city. How can this text help give you *peace*, as you live in a world of chaos?
2. What are some of the personal "riches" that you are relying on that you can open back up to the Lord for Him to use through you?
3. In one sentence, state one thing the Lord wants you to take away from this study?

The Gospel and Prayer

We know that sin is a constant temptation in our lives when even our strengths and blessings can be turned to reduce our effectiveness for God. The beauty of the Gospel, however, is even greater than this temptation. Jesus is ready at all times for us to turn back to him for his discipline. He does this not to smash us into submission but to enter into our lives and grow his relationship with us. Pray that we would use everything in our lives as part of our walk and mission for the Lord.