

## Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

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REVELATION 3:14-22

I. A CULTUR	$ALLY\ COOL$	CHURCH IS A	SELF-DECEIVED	CHURCH.
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A.	The 1	Location	Of This	Church:	The City	Of Laodicea,	v. 14a.
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- B. The One Confronting This Church/People, v. 14b
  - 1. The Amen He who is the Truth and who is a Fixed and Unchangeable Reality.
  - 2. The Faithful and True Witness He who is Trustworthy and Genuine.
  - 3. The Beginning of the Creation of God.
- C. Encouragement And Hope For A Self-deceived Church.
- D. A Self-deceived Church Is Lukewarm/Sickening To God.

## ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to know?

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What does God want us to do?

- 1. How did the wealth of the city impact the spiritual well-being of the church? **Read 1 Timothy 6:8-10**. Why do godliness and contentment belong together? Can a person be godly and discontent? Why does our culture put such importance on gaining riches why do they desire it? What does Paul say will happen to those who desire to be rich? What does the love of money look like in our culture?
- 2. **Read Revelation 3:14; Psalm 33:8-11; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 14:24** How do these texts connect to the Lord's declaration that He is the AMEN? How should the church respond to Him who is the AMEN? How does the AMEN speak to the church today? Our morning worship services end with a time of response. What should that look like as we receive the Word of Him who is the AMEN?
- 3. When is AMEN an appropriate response to the preaching of God's Word?
- 4. **Read Revelation 3:14**. How is Jesus a reliable and true witness legally, historically, and morally? What does Jesus want us to know about Himself and ourselves?
- 5. How has our culture elevated appearance over character? How do we avoid doing the same as a local church?
- 6. Why is it good news that Jesus is a reliable witness to our spiritual lives? What do we know about His counsel and commands?
- 7. **Read Revelation 3:14; Colossians 1:15-17.** Why do false religions attack/deny God as Creator of the universe? Why does moral laxity follow doctrinal defection?
- 8. Since all things were created by Him and for Him, what responsibilities are incumbent upon His creation?
- 9. **Read Revelation 3:14-15.** How does this letter function as an encouragement to the self-deceived? How does this letter offer hope to those who are self-deceived?
- 10. **Read Revelation 3:15-16.** What does Jesus know about each and every person? Why do we need to be reminded that Jesus KNOWS all about us?
- 11. How did the geographic location help illustrate the spiritual problem in Laodicea? What did Jesus wish about this church?
- 12. What warning is being given to the spiritually self-deceived? How do people open themselves up to spiritual self-deception?
- 13. How do we keep ourselves from spiritual self-deception?