

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 2-13-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Describe a time in school or work where you were present physically, but you fell asleep during the class or hours. Was it funny or embarrassing?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Read Revelation 3:1-6 "A church member or member of Christ?"

### Digging Deeper:

1. What was it Jesus commended this church for? Condemned them for?
2. How could you tell if a church was lifeless? Do you have any experience with that?
3. Think about your life personally and share when or if you've ever felt like you needed to "wake up" and focus on your spiritual life? Vs 2-3. How did you remedy that?
4. Look at vs. 4. What does Jesus mean by "being worthy"? What thoughts do you have with Jesus' direction to them? Read Rom. 3:21-28
5. What part does faith play in overcoming? Why does this struggle so often lead to a "works" righteousness?
6. Is there anything keeping you asleep today? What thoughts do you have about hearing Jesus confess your name to the Father and His angels? Does that provide any motivation for you to stay alert?

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?