

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 2-27-2022

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:** What types of coffee are available to you? When it comes to temperature, how many people like or even order lukewarm coffee? Why?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Read Revelation 3:14-22

Digging Deeper:

1. Is this church commended for anything? What are they condemned for?
2. What do you think it means to be lukewarm, as opposed to hot or cold?
3. What's the result of the Laodiceans considering themselves rich? What does Jesus say about the rich in Luke 18:18-27? Do you consider yourself rich and if so, how do these passages relate to you?
4. What is the difference between the Laodiceans definition of rich and Jesus' definition?
5. What could be the point of Jesus' progression of what to "buy" from Him: gold, white clothes, eye salve? Some verses to add to the discussion would be from 1Peter 1:7, Revelation 19:8, and John 9:41(and surrounding vrs.)
6. Knowing this, why would anyone buy from the world's wealth and not from Jesus?
7. What did Spence suggest we can do to move beyond being lukewarm to being "with" Jesus?

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?