

## **Revelation 3:14-22 "The Church with Jesus on the Outside"**

1. One of the main truths the letters to the seven churches root us in is that we are formed by the vision we have of Jesus. Each Church's unique situation is addressed by inviting them to behold Jesus. The church in Laodicea is invited to behold Jesus as the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation. As a review of the sermon to help shape your discussion what does each title mean, and what would it look like practically to live in light of who Jesus is?
2. This letter is the most reflected upon in the contemporary church because many see this letter as perfectly reflecting the state of the modern western church. Do you think this is true and if so, what are the symptoms of a lukewarm response to Jesus?
3. (17) Jesus gives the reason for their lukewarmness as their affirmation "I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing". In what ways does wealth, affluence and prosperity take us away from a faithful response to Jesus?
4. (19) Jesus says that those he loves he reproveth, meaning he wakes them up to their true state. What are some of the ways that Jesus wakes us up to our true state before him, and that every other foundation other than him is sinking sand?
5. Jesus' response to their lukewarmness is a compassionate word of grace ("I counsel you to buy from me"), and a loving invitation ("I stand at the door and knock"). In what ways do his grace and love lead us to a faithful response to who Jesus is?