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## Resources

- Watch or listen to Sunday's sermon: [abfboone.com/sermons](http://abfboone.com/sermons)
- Find Life Group resources: [abfboone.org/groups/resources](http://abfboone.org/groups/resources)

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## Revelation 3:1-6

[1] "And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars. "I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2] Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. [3] Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. [4] Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. [5] The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. [6] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

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## Sermon Outline:

1. The Angel of the Church of Sardis (1)
2. The Self-Description of Christ (1)
3. The Correction of the Church (1)
4. The Call to Repentance (2-3)
5. The Promise to the Overcomers (4-5)
6. The Call to Hear the Spirit (6)

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





•How did this week's sermon convict you? Were you called to repent or to wake up? Did you pray with an elder? If not, would you like to pray with a member in your life group?

•How can a Christian community have the reputation of being alive, but actually be dead? What kind of activities & events *make them look alive*? Why is this a temptation for Christian communities? Are you there now? Have you ever had to "wake up" to a season of spiritual sluggishness?

•In Revelation 3:3, Jesus said he would come like a thief in the night. If Jesus returned today, would he catch you off guard, or would you be expecting him? How can you consciously prepare for the return of Christ this week?

•Pastor Scott said there are four types of people:

1. People who neither profess Jesus nor do what he says
2. People who profess Jesus, but do not do what he says
3. People who do not profess Jesus, but do what he says
4. People who both profess Jesus and do what he says

Which one are you? What needs to happen to help you get to the fourth category?

•In the call to repentance (2-3), Jesus commanded the church in Sardis to do four things. The **first** was to wake up. Was anyone convicted to wake up to the reality of the gospel and begin living for Jesus? What will that look like in your life practically from now on?

-The **second** call to action was to *strengthen that which remains*. What signs of spiritual life are evident in your life? What signs of life are evident in your life group? What can you do to strengthen that which remains?

-The **third** call to action was to remember what you have heard and keep it. How do you remember the gospel daily? Are you in the word daily? Are you encouraging your family members and friends to remember the gospel?

-The **final** call to action was to repent. What steps did you take to repent of a spiritual sluggishness? Do you still need to take these steps?

•Pastor Scott said several times that we cannot wake people up. We cannot talk people into salvation. While God uses our proclamation of the gospel, only the Holy Spirit can regenerate dead souls. How does this help you think about the task of evangelism? Does it change the priority for prayer in evangelism? How often do you pray for God to awaken lost souls?

