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## Resources

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## Revelation 3:14-22

[14] "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: 'The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's creation.

[15] "'I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! [16] So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. [17] For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. [19] Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. [20] Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. [21] The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. [22] 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 Laodicea (14)
2. The Self-Description of Christ (14)
3. The Correction of the Church (15-17)
4. The Promise to the Overcomers (21)
5. The Call to Hear the Spirit (22)

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## Life Group Leader Notes:





- The Laodiceans had a blind spot. They thought they were fine, but Jesus said, “*You do not know* that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.” Blind spots are extremely difficult to identify because they are out of our view. We need help to recognize blind spots in our lives. How can you identify blind spots in your spiritual journey? How does the word of God help? How does your Christian community help? (What might happen if you refused to acknowledge a blind spot?)
- The Laodiceans thought they were spiritually healthy because they were materially healthy. This mentality has been an issue throughout church history and it is extremely rampant in our materially prosperous world. Why might someone who is materially healthy think they are doing fine spiritually?
- The Laodiceans had become a “self-sufficient church”. They were rich and healthy and didn’t need anything. How is this mindset completely opposed to the gospel? Why is the phrase “*self-sufficient church*” a contradiction? How can a materially healthy church maintain their need for Jesus?
- Take a minute to read Colossians 1:13-20 in your group. The Laodiceans would have known this great hymn about Christ, because Paul commanded the Colossians to send this letter to the church in Laodicea (see Colossians 4:15-16). Do you think the Laodicean church had a high view of Christ or a low view of Christ? How would this paragraph about Christ in Colossians 1 have changed the Laodicean church?
- Pastor Scott asked a very pointed question in the sermon: is this message directed toward you? Have you become complacent and lukewarm like Laodicea?
- This is the 7th sermon in a row in which Jesus has said to a specific church: “I know your works...” In Laodicea, he outlined a few dynamics that were extremely specific to their geography and civilization (their water supply, their banking industry, etc.). How does it make you feel to know that Jesus has an intimate knowledge of your life? (If Jesus were to begin a letter to you with the words, “I know your works...”, what kind of details do you think he might mention?)
- Take a few minutes to look at all of the promises to the churches who overcome. What can you learn from this list? How does this motivate you to suffer well for the sake of Christ?

