

## TALK IT OVER

### Key Scriptures

““To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.””  
Revelation 3:14–22

### Background

- Wealthiest of the Seven cities mentioned in Revelation.
- The church also was physically wealthy but spiritually poor.
- The water of the city had to be brought in by an outside water source which turned the water tepid and dirty.

Start talking. Find a conversation starter.

- How would you define true wealth?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get thinking.

- When looking at the background to this passage how does it help you understand what Jesus was saying to this church?
- Why do you think Jesus would like the church to either be hot or cold?
- How do you think the story of the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:16-22 relates to this church?

Choose a question to create openness.

- What promise can you hold on to in this passage? How are you motivated to live a life that is not lukewarm?

### Pray Boldly

*Jesus, only you can save me. I repent of my sin and open the door of my life to you. Give me courage and strength to listen to your voice and follow you in faithfulness.*

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the [Acts of Repentance | Devotional Reading Plan | YouVersion Bible](#)
- Consider how you could love others by serving at Westwood or in our community.