



This week, we close out our study on the seven churches of Revelation by looking at Laodicea, a church that receives no encouragement from Jesus. Instead, He lovingly confronts them for being lukewarm in their faith. This church thought they had it all: wealth, status, resources, and healing. But Jesus reveals that they were actually poor, blind, and in desperate need of Him. This rebuke helps us see how easy it is to fall into a similar pattern of self-reliance, comfort, and spiritual complacency. Jesus isn't looking for half-hearted faith. He stands at the door and knocks, inviting us into a deeper relationship with Him—a faith that is refined, restored, and fully alive.

1. The sermon started with an illustration of Indianan Jones taking a step of faith; he had all the information he needed to make an educated decision. Share about a time you took a step of faith and what the results were.
2. Read Revelation 3:14-16. Jesus is: the Amen, the faithful and true witness, and the ruler of God's Kingdom. Each week we've learned more about the character and nature of Jesus. What do these descriptions of Jesus teach us?
3. The Bible describes people in three different ways. Read Luke 24:32 and Matthew 24:12, Revelation 3:16. Lukewarm faith isn't faith at all. What does lukewarm faith look like today? How is it different from being cold or on fire for God?
4. Read Revelation 3:17-18. The Laodiceans were materially rich but spiritually poor. In what ways do you see the temptation of self-reliance in your own life? Where are you tempted to say, "I don't need anything"?
5. Jesus invites the church to "*buy gold refined by fire.*" Read: 1 Peter 1:6-7 and Hebrews 12:7-11 What does it mean to be spiritually refined by Jesus? Share a time when God used a challenge or correction to grow/shape your faith.
6. Read Revelation 3:19-20. Why do you think Jesus used this image of Him knocking at the door & patiently waiting to be invited in to share a meal with you? What would it look like to take Neal's invitation to schedule a meal with Jesus this week?
7. Read Revelation 3:21-22, Psalm 46:10, and James 1:22. The passage ends with a description of the person who is victorious by trusting Jesus, applying His word, and listening to His voice. What hinders you from applying God's word in your life?
8. Close in prayer asking Jesus to make us a faithful church to the end.