

## Group/Individual Study

Series - Dear Church: Letter to the church of Laodicea

REFLECT on the message heard on Sunday, 11/18

### To Indifferent Christians

1. The Laodiceans had it good. They were the richest and most comfortable of all the churches in *The Seven*. Yet what does Jesus say about them in these verses?
2. These seven letters say a lot to Christians facing suffering. But affluent Christians face their own challenges. How can comfort and a sense of self-reliance threaten a vital faith?
3. How are you doing in this area? Have you ever felt as if a focus on self-reliance and your own achievement has kept you from realizing your need for God? Does a love of comfort ever interfere with your commitment to serve God?
4. If you have been revitalized from a period of being "lukewarm," what happened? How was your heart turned toward him?
5. Jesus tells the Laodiceans to realize life's treasures. What are the "hidden treasures" that affluent people can sometimes undervalue?
6. Jesus also tells them to receive his correction. It's easy in our pride to think every word of correction in the Bible applies to someone else, and not us. Why is this so? How can we overcome this tendency?
7. Jesus ends with an almost heartbreaking picture of himself, the Lord of the Universe, patiently standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, waiting for us to open up. What does this tell you about Jesus?
8. It's interesting that this invitation to open the door to Jesus is written not to unbelievers, but to Christians. How is it possible to be saved, to be a believer, and yet not have fellowship daily with Jesus? Have you ever been there? What helped you?
9. What main images or ideas from this study have impacted your life? What do you hope to take with you on your life's journey?