

# PREACHING CURRICULUM

Be Hot!

Revelation 3:14-22

*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.*

## 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Revelation 3:14-22. What did it mean for the church of Laodicea to be “lukewarm” (verse 16)? What might it look like for a church today to be lukewarm? What would a lukewarm Christian be like?

How was the church of Laodicea’s lukewarm spiritual condition connected to their claim that they were rich, prosperous, and in need of nothing (verse 17)?

What does it mean for a church to be “hot” or “cold”? Why did Jesus wish that the church of Laodicea would be either hot or cold?

Why does Jesus find a lukewarm condition in a church to be so repugnant?

What was Jesus’ counsel to the Laodicean church? What does He promise those who heed his warning?

## 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God’s Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is your spiritual temperature? Are there signs of being lukewarm in your own life? How might you identify them?

How well does Jesus’ diagnosis of the church in Laodicea apply to the modern Church here in the West, including us? Do you think that He will find us to be lukewarm as well? If so, why?

## 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

As individuals and as a church, how can we heed Jesus’ warning to the church of Laodicea? What would change in our lives and in our church as we did so?

How does one maintain the state of being spiritually “hot” without “burning out” over the long term? How can this be accomplished in a church?

## 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you open the door to Jesus and enjoy fellowship with Him?