

Home Group Questions - June 24, 2018
7 Churches of Revelation – The Church of Laodicea

- 1.** I (Michael) have a brother-in-law who loves drinking water at room temperature. Does anyone in your group also drink lukewarm water? What about flat soda?
- 2.** Thinking back on the messages to the first six churches, what has been your biggest takeaway from this series so far? Which church's message stuck out to you the most and why?
- 3.** This week, we will read the 7th and final message of this series. Here, Jesus is speaking to the church in Laodicea. Read Revelation 3:14-22 with your group.
- 4.** Jesus says in verse 16 that because the church of Laodicea is "lukewarm" he is about to spit them out of his mouth. In other words, a lukewarm church (a church lacking in passion) is detestable to him. It is obvious that Jesus would rather his churches be hot (excited, passionate, enthusiastic), than lukewarm. But why does he also say he would rather them be cold? Is it possible for a lukewarm church to be more harmful than helpful?
- 5.** In verse 17, we see that Jesus relates their "lukewarmness" to their wealth and comfort in life. How does wealth and comfort lead to being lukewarm?
- 6.** In what ways might your prosperity and comfort be holding you back from obeying Christ's commands?
- 7.** Jesus has some strong words for the church of Laodicea in verse 17. He says they do not realize that they are "wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked." In what way does "lukewarmness" and a false sense of security or comfort lead to these things?
- 8.** How does verse 18 connect with verse 17? What message is Jesus trying to send?
- 9.** Although Jesus never encourages the church of Laodicea with anything they are doing well, he does tell them in verse 19 that "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline." So we can always have confidence that even when we are far off track, Jesus still loves us, and this is why he rebukes and disciplines us. What comes to mind as you ponder this concept?
- 10.** In what ways can New Heights heed this message from Christ and grow from it?