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Sundays  
945 AM  
Heart  
Preparation

1000 AM  
WORSHIP

"I know all the things you do, that you are neither hot nor cold. I wish that you were one or the other! But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth! You say, 'I am rich. I have everything I want. I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked. So I advise you to buy gold from me—gold that has been purified by fire. Then you will be rich. Also buy white garments from me so you will not be shamed by your nakedness, and ointment for your eyes so you will be able to see. I correct and discipline everyone I love. So be diligent and turn from your indifference. **"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends. Those who are victorious will sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat with my Father on his throne.**

Revelation 3:15-20

**Lukewarm** is defined as being moderately warm; having or showing little ardor zeal or enthusiasm' bring indifferent, halfhearted or apathetic. In verse 15, Jesus expresses distaste at us being lukewarm in our intimacy with him. Knowing this we should then ask ourselves where are we in our intimacy with him?

This was Jesus' message to the Church in Laodicea. At that time, Laodicea was a thriving affluent city, they were well known for their black wool, banking and medical school. The believers in the city were hiding behind a façade of religiosity but had become complacent and self-serving. They had opted to make ungodly compromises instead of committing to following Jesus. They had become indifferent, apathetic . . . lukewarm.

In verse 15, Jesus says "I know your deeds". This is a reminder to us that we cannot hide from our Lord, He is omnipresent and omniscient. We can fool ourselves, convince ourselves that we are intimate with God, but God sees our hearts and if we are not passionate about Him and for Him, if we opt to become by-standers and not get involved in a relationship with Him, He will spit us out of his mouth. God commands total and unyielding surrender to His will, when we give ourselves half-heartedly we are choosing to be lukewarm in our relationship with Him. When we delay obedience or only partially obey His commands, we are holding back from Him. . . And He detests this.

#### Dgroup Schedules

Tuesdays  
700 pm  
1102 E Swanee Lane  
West Covina, CA

Thursdays  
730 pm  
2617 N Parish Place  
Burbank, CA

Fridays  
700 pm  
5124 Ashworth St  
Lakewood, CA

Fridays  
730 PM  
4706 Ivar Ave  
Rosemead, CA

The city had two sources of water, one was the icy stream of Hierapolis and the other the hot springs of the south. These waters were channeled through aqueducts but along the way, they would mix together and by the time they would reach the city, the water would become tepid and undrinkable. Hot and cold water both have good uses. Cold water refreshes, hot water soothes but lukewarm water is useless. In verse 15, Jesus says you are neither hot nor cold; I wish that you were hot or cold. But because you are lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth. When Jesus says hot and cold, he does not refer to how "hot" or "cold" we are in our walk with Him. Rather, He uses this illustration to tell us that when we choose to become lukewarm Christians, we lose our usefulness.

When we were chosen, we were called for a purpose — our purpose is to share the gospel of Salvation to others. When we choose to become bystanders, we become content in a sedentary Christian life defeating that purpose. If we do not involve ourselves in God's ministry—we become useless to the kingdom of God.

When we content ourselves in a lukewarm relationship with God, we open up ourselves to the temptation of a slow fade from the light of truth. Being content to stay in a lukewarm, sedentary Christian lifestyle will push us farther and farther away from God. And the farther away we are from the source of life, the more prone we are to become prey to temptation.

How does lukewarmness usually start?

In verse 7 we see, that often times when we become self-reliant, self-confident, proud and self-sufficient we start believing that we do not need God. But what we do not realize is that when we rely too much on ourselves we are in fact breaking relationship with God. God desires that we become invested in Him, dependent on Him, humble enough to admit that without Him we have nothing.

What are the symptoms of a Lukewarm Christian? (adopted from a list by Trey Morgan)

1. Thinking more about life on earth than eternity.
2. Giving out our leftovers.
3. Taking God's blessings for granted.
4. Having an entitlement mentality.
5. Seeking self-glory and people's approval more than God's glory and approval.
6. Rarely (or never) sharing the Gospel.
7. Saying we believe in God, but not striving to know Him.
8. Blending into the world instead of making a difference.
9. A critical, complaining attitude.
10. Doing "Christian routines" with no zeal or passion.

When we had the symptoms we are poor, naked, and blind. (Verse 18)

What then are the solutions to lukewarmness?

Jesus tells us in verse 18, that we need to buy from Him refined gold, white garments, and an eye salve. Choosing to be lukewarm in our relationship with God makes us a spiritual pauper, naked and blind. But when we choose to pursue intimacy with Him, He will make us heirs to His kingdom, He will close us with His protection and righteousness, and He will open our eyes to His glory and power.

We need to change our direction, perspective and attitude so that we can turn from our lukewarmness and develop a passion and a zeal to pursue an intimate relationship with Him.

So how do we protect ourselves from becoming lukewarm?

We have to continue to make ourselves useful for the Lord. We have to know and understand His purpose for us. . . and this we can only do, if He is truly Lord over our lives. When He is in control of our lives, He will mold us and transform us so that we can become the instruments by which we can refresh and soothe other souls thirsty for His love. We have to continually pour ourselves into His word, so that we may be equipped with His righteousness and have a growing knowledge of Him and His ways.

Verse 19 tells us that whom Jesus loves, He disciplines. Our discipline helps us redirect our steps so that we walk only on the path that God wants us to take. It is also through this discipline that all our deep-seated sinfulness and sinful habits are broken. This is in fact a part of the molding that we have to go through in our transformation to become more like Jesus. We are in fact gold being refined in the fire.

Discussion:

It's time for a check-up!

Symptoms	Triggers	Frequency	Prescription
thinking more about life on earth than eternity	Financial problems	frequent	Ask God to grant me the grace to depend and trust in Him rather than on my own efforts
Giving out of our left-overs			
Taking God's blessings for granted	Stressed out	rare	Commit to thank God for 5 things everyday
Having entitlement mentality			
Seeking self-glory and people's approval more than God's glory and approval			
Rarely or never sharing the Gospel	No courage	always	Ask God to give me the courage & wisdom to share
Saying we believe in god, but not striving to know Him			
Blending into the world instead of making a difference			
A critical, complaining attitude			
Doing Christian routines without passion			

## Works: Journaling task

**I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door,**

**I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.**

**Revelations 3:20**

Jesus is at the door of our hearts calling us into a intimate relationship with Him. However, He will not force us to answer, instead He wants us to respond in obedience, and willingly allow Him to come in and stay. How will we respond?

In all honesty, answer these questions in your journal?

1. Have I fallen prey to a lukewarm relationship with God?
2. Am I pursuing intimacy with God but on my terms, not on God's?
3. Have I committed my life to Jesus, but find myself still holding back?
4. What are the things I find the hardest to give up? Worrying? Complaining? Anger? Pride? Self-reliance?
5. On a scale of 1 to 10, 10 being the highest rate the following:
  - A. my Intimacy with God?
  - B. My study of the Word of God
  - C. my surrender to God's will
  - D. My dependence on God