

Weekly Bible Study for Highcliffe and Bransgore Methodist Churches

“Jesus warns His Church” Revelation 3: 15-22 by Diana Middleditch, 16th May 2021.

Pray and read the study verses Revelation 3: 15-22 and Colossians 1:18.

Laodicea had everything it could possibly want and was in great danger of being considered smug, confident and indifferent to concerns outside of themselves. This attitude had rubbed off on The Christians of Laodicea and they were ignoring the Lord.

Q1. How can indifference and the feeling that you do not need Christ play out in your personal life? What about in your church?

Jesus rebukes the church of Laodicea for their attitude. An attitude that was neither hot nor cold just lukewarm. Like a parent telling off a child Jesus rebukes the church because he loves them and wants them to repent and change their ways. He wants them to turn to him for their wealth not the gold stored up in their banks, he wants them to be clothed in his robes not the textiles that have made them wealthy, he wants them to open their eyes and see the error of their ways. It is in this harsh rebuke that he shows his love for them.

Q2. God is faithful and true; He is personal and reliable. How can these characteristics help fuel your passion for Him and to others about Him?

Verse 20 describes a very peculiar situation. Christ is standing outside the door knocking to come in. He is calling for this church to let him back into their lives and the life of this church. He wants this church to become a host of the great fellowship banquet He desires to share with his people.

I guess no one bothered to answer the door!

This letter is about self-deluded and complacent members of a church who refused to invite Christ into “their” church or to be a part of “their” activities and life.

Q3. How does a church get like that today? What can be done to turn such a church back to Christ?

Once again, Christ concludes with the refrain contained in all His letter to the seven churches. Verse 22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Churches." Christ and the Spirit speaks powerfully to the churches and to us today.

Q4. How important is enthusiasm in your personal growth? What about in your church? What can you do to be more enthusiastic for Christ?

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying. "Be fully committed to Christ - Stand firm for Him, be passionate about his cause" When we do, we have an invitation to dine with Him.

Conclude with a time of prayer and listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us.