



Revelation 2:18-3:21
September 8 | Group Guide

Pray, read Scripture, watch a video, and ask a question (20 minutes).

Begin your group time in prayer. Ask for the Lord to help each of you take his word into your life. Then, read Revelation 2:1-18-3:22.

[After reading, watch the Week 4 life group introductory video on Revelation.](#)

Break into gendered smaller groups for deeper discussion (35 minutes).

- Take a moment to think through the following four things from these latter four messages to the churches addressed in Revelation (in Rev. 2:18-3:22).
 - What do you learn about Jesus from the messages to these three churches?
 - What sorts of commendations does Jesus give these churches?
 - What sorts of critique does Jesus give these churches?
 - What promises does Jesus give to those who will conquer?
- Regarding Jesus' message to the church at Thyatira, Dan said that, "Compromising our Christian character always comes with consequences, only Christ can provide the life we truly desire." When have you been tempted to cross a line you know you shouldn't cross because of your Christian values? What consequences did or could have come from this?

Examine that scenario. What was the hole you were trying to fill that only Christ can provide the answer to?

- Regarding Jesus' message to the church at Sardis, Dan said that, "The only way to find true, eternal security is to humble ourselves before God and place our faith in Jesus Christ." In what, other than Christ, are you often tempted to find security? How are these things insufficient to truly keep you secure?
- Regarding Jesus' message to the church at Philadelphia, Dan said that Jesus' message is, "To the faithful who are suffering, Jesus sees you, he is filled with compassion toward you, and he will rush to your side." In what ways do you need the compassion of Jesus to rush to your side right here and now?
- Regarding Jesus' message to the last of the seven churches, Laodicea, Dan said, "Jesus despises pride and spiritual apathy and implores us to boast in him and in him alone." What have you boasted in lately other than Christ that might reveal some area of pride in your life? Where have you been spending your time and what does that reveal about your level of spiritual apathy?
- There's a lot to glean from all of these passages, but take a few moments to apply the messages to the churches then to your own life.
 - If Jesus were to write a message to you, what aspects of his identity to them then would he emphasize to you now?
 - What commendations to them then would he give you?
 - What areas of critique to them then might he have for you?
 - What promises to the Christians then would you want to hear from him now? Explain.

Share your answers with your group and spend time praying for one another to become the kinds of people Jesus wants you to become.

Come back together as a large group and then split into triads for prayer requests and prayer (10 minutes).

Like last week, split your group into mixed triads as you wrap up. In each triad, have people share their prayer requests. Once everyone has finished sharing, each person should then pray for the person on their right until everyone in the triad group is prayed for.

Finish with logistics (5 minutes).

Make sure to inform your group about the study devotionals available to help you walk through our Revelation series! You can find that material here at thecreek.org/devotionals.