

Life Application Notes

Week beginning 19th April 2020

Culture Revealed. *What Matters to Jesus in the Local Church?*

Chris Kilby. Letter 7 (LAODICEA) – Revelation 3:14-22

The Vomit Inducing Church!

Opening Up.

Open up by asking each person in the group to share one thing that really annoys them!

Digging In

In Revelation we see John's vision of a glorified Christ, who then dictates to John letters to seven churches. This seventh letter is written to the church in Laodicea.

Flick through the first six letters, and remind one another about what Jesus commended/rebuked in each church.

Read Revelation 3:14-22

Remind one another what Laodicea was like as a city.

(Clues for leader – inland, wealthy, known for its 5-mile-long aqueduct that brought water to the city, centre for producing black wool cloth and eye salve)

Who is Jesus?

- What does it mean when Jesus describes himself as 'The Amen, the faithful and true witness'? (Rev 3:14b)
- In a world under the grip of Coronavirus, what are the implications of Jesus being 'The ruler of God's creation'? (Rev 3:14c)

A Lukewarm Church

- Group discussion – what might a 'lukewarm' church be like?
- Individual question - In what areas of your Christian life do you personally have to overcome 'lukewarmness'?

Rounding Off

Re-read verse 21

- Spend some time thanking God for the great hope that this verse gives us in the midst of the deep trial we are experiencing.