

# "Can you hear Me?"

LETTERS FROM GOD

## God's Letter to the Lukewarm Message 7

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### ► Outline

*They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!* **2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)**

#### A. Introduction

**(Revelation 3:14-22. C/R: Colossians 2:1-3; 4:15-17;  
Philemon 1b-2)**

#### B. The Message to the Church in Laodicea:

1. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:14. C/R: John 14:10; 2 Corinthians 1:20;  
Colossians 1:15-18; Revelation 19:11)**

2. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:15. C/R: Matthew 12:30; 24:12-13;  
2 Timothy 3:5; 4:3)**

3. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:16-17. C/R: Matthew 5:13; Luke 12:21;  
1 Timothy 6:17; 1 John 2:15-16)**

4. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:18-19. C/R: 2 Corinthians 4:4;  
Hebrews 12:5-6; 1 Peter 1:7; Revelation 7:9)**

5. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:20-21. C/R: Luke 22:28-30;  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 8:1; 12:2)**

6. \_\_\_\_\_:  
**(Revelation 3:22)**

**Answers:** 1. Greeting 2. Concern 3. Consequences 4. Challenge 5. Rewards 6. Closing  
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Use this guide by yourself or with friends to discover more about God and develop a deeper relationship with Him. To get connected in a Small Group, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).

#### Conversation Starter

Describe a time you experienced either great joy or sorrow over the past few weeks.

#### Opening in Prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Ask God to help you hear His voice during this week's study and reflection.

#### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Revelation 3:14-22](#).

1. Jesus is called *the Amen – the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God's new creation* (vs. 14). What do these titles teach you about Jesus? What does He want you to know?
2. Laodicea's water supply was provided from a distant source through pipes. As a result, the water was lukewarm and barely drinkable. Jesus tells the church in Laodicea they are lukewarm (vs. 15-16). What does it mean for a person or a church to be lukewarm?
3. How does Jesus feel when a church becomes lukewarm (vs. 16)? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
4. In what ways have you been lukewarm in your faith?
5. What are ways to overcome being lukewarm?
6. How did the Laodiceans see themselves? How did Jesus see them? Why is there such a radical difference between the two perspectives?

7. What motivates God to correct and discipline His children (vs. 19)? How does knowing you are His forever son or daughter help you receive His correction?
8. How will you think, feel or act differently as a result of what God has revealed to you in this week's teaching?

#### Soul Training

During this series we've asked God to write us a letter using the pattern in the letters to the churches in [Revelation 2-3](#). Each week, we've added another section to the letter.

Visit [brookwoodchurch.org/hearingGod](http://brookwoodchurch.org/hearingGod) to see the entire outline of the letter along with other resources to help you hear from God.

Spend a few minutes in silence, preparing your heart to hear from God.

After you've heard from God in the previous six sections, read through your letter and ask Him to confirm or clarify what He's saying to you.

Sign your finished letter, *Love God*, or insert a more personal description of God.

#### Memory Verse

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#### Daily Reading

- Day 1: [Colossians 2:1-5](#)      Day 4: [Colossians 2:6-10](#)  
Day 2: [Matthew 5:13-16](#)      Day 5: [Hebrews 12:5-6](#)  
Day 3: [1 Peter 1:6-12](#)

#### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 15, we'll take a closer look at how God uses pain and suffering to help us grow and carry out the mission of the church. To prepare, read [Romans 5:1-5](#); [James 1:2-4](#); [1 Peter 4:12-19](#).



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