

DATE: Sunday, December 12, 2021 TITLE: A Letter to a Lukewarm Church SERIES: The Book of Revelation: Worthy is the Lamb PASSAGE: Revelation 3:14-22

How to keep the spiritual fire burning . . .

1) We must be constantly taking our spiritual	(v15-16)
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5 warning signs we're becoming lukewarm:

A. I choose what's ______ instead of what's ______.

B. I pay more attention to my ______ account than my ______ account.

C. I love parts of the ______ more than I love _____.

D. I think more about this ______ than what's after this ______.

E. I rarely tell others about _____.

2) We must be constantly listening to the _____ of Jesus (v17-18)

3) We must be constantly welcoming the ______ of Jesus (v19-22)

(*See page 2 for **PRAYER POINTS**.)

As we continue in our series through the letters to the seven churches in Revelation 2 and 3, let's pray together through these passages. Let's place ourselves humbly before the Lord and trust him to teach Mission City Bible Church what we need to know and do as a result of our time in the word and in prayer. Use these prayer starters, as needed, and move from one section to the next, as appropriate.

THE PRAISEWORTHY QUALITIES OF JESUS:

- He is the promise keeper ("the Amen," v14)
- He is the faithful and true witness (v14)
- He is the beginning (the "Originator") of God's creation (v14)
- He knows our works and our spiritual condition (v15-17)
- He loves us enough to counsel us toward life (v18)
- He makes us rich in him, he clothes us in the righteousness of Christ and covers our shame, and he opens our eyes that we can see (v18)
- He loves us enough to discipline us (v19)
- He pursues us and wants to be in relationship with us (v20)
- He is the Conqueror who sits on the throne and welcomes us to sit with him (v20)

REVERENCE:

- Lord, we worship you because . . .
- Jesus, we praise you because you are our faithful and true witness about . . .
- Lord, thank you for making us rich in Christ even when . . .
- Jesus, thank you for pursuing me especially when . . .

RESPONSE:

- Lord, I confess that I have become lukewarm because of compromise with . . .
- Lord, I admit that I'm having a hard time believing your promises for . . .

REQUEST:

- Lord, help me to be zealous and repent so I will follow you in . . .
- Lord, help me to believe your discipline is loving and good for me please help me to ...
- Lord, give me the eyes to see where my heart has become lukewarm

READINESS:

- Jesus, we will trust you to keep your promises even when it's hard for us to . . .
- Lord, we want our works to reflect a heart that is completely committed to you help us!
- Lord, come quickly!