

July 6, 2025 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“Jesus Loves the Church,” 7-- Revelation 3:14-22

Study & Discussion Questions

1. Lukewarm Diagnosis

Jesus says, “I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.”

- What concrete signs in a believer’s life might reveal “lukewarm” potency today?
- Which of those signs resonates most personally with you right now?

2. Material Comfort vs. Spiritual Need

Laodicea’s wealth blinded them to poverty of soul.

- In what ways can comfortable doctrine, ministry routines, or possessions mask your need for fresh dependence on Christ?

3. Potency Illustrated

The weed-killer illustration shows diluted power.

- Can you recall a time when your service for Christ felt watered down?
- What factors contributed to that loss of potency?

4. Jesus’ Loving Confrontation

“Those whom I love I reprove and discipline.”

- How does viewing Christ’s rebuke as love change the way you receive conviction or criticism?
- Share an example when conviction proved to be grace in disguise.

5. The Great Exchange

• How does Jesus’ offer of “gold refined by fire, white garments, and eye-salve” translate into everyday gospel realities (e.g., identity, righteousness, discernment)?

- Which of the three do you sense you need most this week—and why?

6. Self-Reliance vs. Abiding

- Practically, what does “abiding in Jesus” look like in your prayer, planning, and use of gifts?
- Where do you still default to self-effort, and how could abiding reshape that area?

7. Dependence as Witness

Asking for help can actually show forth the gospel.

- Share a time when admitting weakness actually encouraged someone else's faith.
- What keeps us from doing this more often?

8. Reoriented Desires

- Review the "Rather than / Now we get to..." table. Which shift would most transform your home, workplace, or small group if the Spirit deepened it in you?
- What first step could you take this week?

Responding to the Knock

- How can you distinguish between true Spirit-prompted hunger and mere emotional impulse?
- What personal rhythms (Scripture, prayer, community) help you keep the "door" open?

Living the Gospel

"Jesus confronts our self-sufficiency not to condemn but to kindle fresh fire."

- In one sentence, how would you share that truth with a weary Christian friend?
- Pray it aloud (or journal it) over someone who feels spiritually stale.

Old Way	New Way	Because...	Shows Up When...
Rather than become extremely defensive when a fault is pointed out	Now we want to look at the criticism honestly, asking the Spirit to show any truth in it	Because Christ's perfect righteousness covers my shame	A spouse, friend, or elder offers hard feedback
Rather than feel annoyed when someone asks for help at an inconvenient moment	We get to set aside our plans and serve joyfully	Because the Spirit reminds us Jesus laid down His life for us	A late-night phone call, a neighbor's sudden need
Rather than insist on being the smartest voice in the room	We're free to let others shine and contribute	Because my value is secure in Christ, not in public praise	Team meetings, Bible-study discussions