



CELL GROUP MATERIAL

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KNOCKING

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Small Group Guide: "Knocking"

Based on Revelation 3:15-20

Ice Breaker Question: Share about a time when you were locked out of your own house or forgot your keys. How did it feel? How does this relate to Jesus knocking at the door of the church in Laodicea?

Key Scripture

Revelation 3:15-20

Focus verse: *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."* (v. 20)

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

1. The Danger of Self-Sufficiency

- The church of Laodicea was wealthy, stable, and self-reliant—yet spiritually lukewarm
- They said, "I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing"
- Like Singapore and modern society, we can become so self-sufficient that we forget our need for God

2. Loving God vs. Loving Him Enough

- Solomon loved God but took the convenient path (worshipping at high places instead of Gibeon)
- **Critical Question:** Do you love God enough to inconvenience yourself?
- True love for God means aligning our will with His, not just adding Him to our agenda

3. The Problem of Pragmatism

- Solomon's fall wasn't primarily about women—it was about taking control through "practical" decisions
- Political marriages seemed wise but led his heart away from God

- We can make logical, smart decisions that aren't aligned with God's will

4. Walking WITH God, Not Just Working FOR God

- Many in Matthew 7:22 did great works in Jesus' name but didn't know Him
 - God calls us to relationship, not just performance
 - The question isn't "What have you accomplished?" but "Is your heart aligned with Mine?"
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Discussion Questions

Understanding the Message

1. **What struck you most about the comparison between Laodicea and modern Singapore/society?** How do wealth and stability affect our spiritual lives?
2. **Read Revelation 3:17 again.** The Laodiceans thought they were "rich" but God said they were "wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked." What are some ways we might be spiritually blind to our own condition?
3. **Pastor Caleb mentioned that Laodicea's water was neither hot nor cold—just lukewarm and unusable.** What does spiritual lukewarmness look like in practical, everyday life?

Personal Reflection

4. **"Do you love God enough to inconvenience yourself?"** Share an example of when following God required you to step out of your comfort zone. Or share an area where you're currently choosing convenience over obedience.
5. **Solomon started well but his heart drifted through "practical" decisions.** What are some "practical" or "logical" decisions you've made (or are considering) that might not align with God's will?
6. **Jeremiah 17:9 says "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."** How do you practice examining your heart regularly? What helps you stay honest with God about your motives?

Going Deeper

7. **Read Psalm 139:23-24.** David prayed, "Search me, O God, and know my heart." When was the last time you invited God to search your heart? What did He reveal?
8. **The sermon emphasized walking WITH God rather than working FOR God.** What's the difference? How can you tell if you're doing one versus the other?
9. **Pastor mentioned that stability equals predictability, and we try to control our lives.** In what areas of your life are you trying to maintain control instead of trusting God? (Career, relationships, finances, health, etc.)

Application

10. **Who is knocking in your life right now—you at God's door, or God at yours?** What does this reveal about the current state of your relationship with Him?
 11. **The altar call invited people to repent of running life based on "practical, pragmatic considerations."** What is one specific area where you need to surrender control to God this week?
 12. **Read Matthew 7:21-23.** These people did prophesy, cast out demons, and do wonders - but Jesus said "I never knew you." How can we ensure our Christian activity flows from genuine relationship rather than performance?
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Practical Applications

This Week's Challenge:

Choose ONE of the following to practice this week:

Option 1: Daily Heart Check

Each evening, pray Psalm 139:23-24 and ask God:

- Is there pride in me today?
- Is there bitterness?
- Is there compromise?
- Is there unbelief?
- Did I choose convenience over Your will?

Option 2: Inconvenience Yourself for God

Identify one area where you know God is calling you to obedience but you've chosen the convenient path. Take one concrete step this week to obey, even if it's inconvenient.

Option 3: Relationship Over Performance

Set aside 15-30 minutes daily this week just to BE with God - not to pray through your list, but to worship, listen, and enjoy His presence. Journal what you experience.

Option 4: Surrender Control

Write down 2-3 areas where you're trying to control outcomes. Physically release them to God in prayer. Consider a symbolic act (writing them down and tearing up the paper, etc.) to represent surrender.

Group Accountability Questions

1. What is one specific thing God spoke to you about during this discussion?
 2. What is one action step you're committing to this week?
 3. How can we pray for you and support you in this?
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Closing Prayer

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for knocking on our doors and pursuing us
- Confess areas of self-sufficiency, pride, or lukewarmness
- Ask God to search hearts and reveal any wicked way
- Pray for strength to love God enough to inconvenience ourselves
- Surrender control and ask God to have His way in our lives
- Pray for one another's specific needs and commitments

Consider: Praying in small groups of 2-3 for more intimate sharing, or have everyone pray aloud briefly for the person on their right.

Additional Resources

For Further Study:

- Read 1 Kings 3-11 (the full story of Solomon's rise and fall)

- Study all seven letters to the churches in Revelation 2-3
- Read Proverbs 4:23 and journal about guarding your heart
- Memorize Revelation 3:20

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