

Victorious: Revelation 3:1-22  
Discussion Guide, May 24, 2020  
Next week's text: Revelation 4:1-5:14

**CHECK UP:**

Memory Work Review: Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death. -  
Revelation 2:11

- How well did you "send it" this past week?

**OPEN:**

- What have you found most encouraging and most challenging about studying the "letters to the churches" in Revelation 2-3?

**READ and ASK: Revelation 3:1-22**

- What message does it send to the church today that the church of Sardis had a reputation of "being alive" but were actually dead?
  - o How can a church appear to be vibrant and alive but actually dead?
- What does this text mean when it talks about "soiling your clothes"? What does it mean to be "dressed in white"?
  - o What advice would you give to a young Christian who asks about keeping from sinning?
- What difference to you does it make that Christ is "holy and true"?
  - o How does it impact the way you live?
- What does Christ praise the church in Philadelphia for?
  - o How can Christians endure patiently through trial?
  - o What advice would you give to a Christian friend who expressed physical exhaustion and a lack of spiritual strength?
- How is worldly wealth a major danger to a Christian's faith?
  - o Why should you this be alarming to American Christians?
- What does a lukewarm Christian act like?
  - o In what ways can a person be religious yet indifferent to what God wants?

### **APPLY:**

- If Jesus were addressing a “wake up call” to you, what would he want to you strengthen?
- How do you think other people would describe your Christian reputation?
- How can you keep from being a lukewarm Christian?
  - o What steps can you take this week to keep you from being indifferent to what God wants?
- Of all of the churches that we have studied in Revelation 2 and 3, what is the most significant take away for you?
- NEXT STEP: How can you pray this week about what you have learned so far in our study of Revelation? How do you need to take action?

### Memory Work:

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” - Revelation 3:20-11

### Revelation Resources:

- Victorious by Matt Proctor (I would highly recommend this well researched devotional study)
- Breaking the Code by Bruce Metzger
- Revelation’s Rhapsody by Robert A. Lowery
- Revelation and the End Times by Craig R. Koester
- Leaving the Rapture Behind by Larry Pechawer
- <https://www.shanejwood.com/>
- Revelation by Shane Wood on Rightnow Media.