

Dig Deeper @Home – “Ears that Hear”

Complement to sermon on August 27, 2017 – “Reflect Honestly”

MEMORIZE – Revelation 22:7

And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book

READ Revelation 3: 14-22

Questions to ponder/discuss:

1. What is this passage revealing about God and what is it revealing about us as humans?
2. If the above is true, what needs to change in your life? What will that look like?
3. Jesus identifies Himself as “the Amen.” Look up 2nd Corinthians 1:20 to help with understanding this title.
 - a. What does this signify?
 - b. Is Jesus the Amen in your life? Or are you looking to something or someone else to be your amen?
4. Laodicea is mentioned also in the book of Colossians. In it we learn that the letter to Colossians is meant to be read to the church in Laodicea as well. Read Colossians 2: 1-15. What do we learn about the people of Laodicea from these verses? What do we learn about Jesus from these verses?
5. Jesus was known for eating with the wrong crowd. See Matthew 9: 10-13. Why were the Pharisees so offended? Where does this demonstrate God’s amazing grace?

Bottom Line – Summarize Revelation 3: 14-22 in your own words

Experiential

Sometimes activities help us to understand and process biblical truths. The one below is a suggestion for how to experience the truths of Revelation 3: 14-22

Trivia Time

Split into two groups. One group has to answer the questions with only their collective knowledge, the other group gets to use google. See who does better. If doing alone, answer the questions the first with your own knowledge, then use google. Which time did you score better?

1. Who was the 6th president of the United States? What was the person's name who lost in that election?
2. Who won Superbowl 14? Who lost? Who was the MVP?
3. What was the average cost of a house in the United States in 1955?
4. What book of the bible does Jesus quote from more than any other?
5. When was the first iPhone produced?
6. What is the highest point on earth from sea level and how high is it?

Did you do better by yourself or with google? Did the team using google win or not? How does this relate to Revelation 3: 14-22?

SING (suggested songs to sing. Use these or any song you might want to sing)

Beautiful Offering - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbyYY6EfnvQ>

This song is a humble plea (opposite of the church in Laodicea) recognizing our lives are broken yet Christ can make them into a beautiful offering

Amazing Grace – Mennonite Hymnal #242

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. A reminder that we are wretched yet God's grace is greater.

PRAY

This is a time to gather around for prayer requests and to share how you have seen God at work. It is a time to hear where God is showing up in our lives and where we need Him to help us in our lives.

Sending prayer based on the lesson:

Heavenly Father, as we go this week let us see ourselves as we are. Help us to not rely on ourselves but to live in full reliance on you by your Holy Spirit. In Jesus name. Amen.