

5. Will you open the door? Read 3:19-22
- How do we feel about all the challenges in these letters?
  - Why does Jesus rebuke and discipline us?
  - What would be shocking to the Christians in Laodicea about the idea that Jesus is the other side of a closed door from them?
  - Why do you think they might have been shutting Jesus out?
  - What does Jesus promise for those who do open the door to him? (cf. Song of songs 5:2)
  - Why is fellowship with Jesus so special? (cf. 3:14 and 4:1-8; 5:6).

### Applying it to our lives

6. How can we encourage people to focus on what Christ has to offer them this Christmas rather than consumerism?
7. A Christian friend says that they do not like hearing the challenging parts of the Bible or sermons. What might we say to help them see that these are good?



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### Growth Team News

This week is the last week for Growth Teams until 2021.

This week we finish our series on Jesus addressing the churches in Revelation 1-3. In the letter to the church in Laodicea, we see that Jesus is urging the Christians there not to miss out on what he has to offer.

Even if you cannot join a Zoom Growth Team, please use this sheet with other members of your household or on your own Zoom. The sheet works best after watching the Sunday Sermon, which is available on You Tube or through our website.

**Mon.** 8:00pm *on Zoom*

**Thu.** 8.00pm *on Zoom*



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Don't miss out

*Revelation 3:14-22 (page 1236 in church Bibles)*

*Space to take notes on the talk*

Jesus and the \_\_\_\_\_

Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

Don't be \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

Don't \_\_\_\_\_ the one who \_\_\_\_\_

## Getting to know each other

- ❖ What is your favourite drink?

## Responding to the talk

1. What new thing or almost forgotten thing did you learn from this week's talk?
2. Worthless Works and Good Works – Read 3:14-16
  - a. What is helpful about hot water? What is good about cold water?
  - b. What are the good things Jesus has commended in the other churches?
  - c. What is the problem with being lukewarm?
  - d. What good works do you think Jesus may be encouraging us to take on: at work, at home, at church?
3. Meaningless Riches and True Riches – Read 3:17-18
  - a. What have the Christians in Laodicea failed to understand about their wealth?
  - b. Given that Jesus counsels us to buy from him (3:18), how does verse 14 encourage us to trust him as a salesman?
  - c. How does the shopping list from Jesus (3:18) match up with what he says about the Laodiceans (3:17)?
  - d. Why is what Jesus offers so much better than what they normally consumed?
4. The following questions go deeper, you may want to skip them if you do not have time:
  - a. Read Isaiah 55:1-7. How does this passage compare to 3:17-18? What is the cost of coming to Jesus?
  - b. Read 18:9-18 and 21:9-27. Gold is part of the description of both of these cities, but what are the key differences? How do you think this might link with the 'gold refined in the fire' that Jesus talks about?