

Relate Group Questions

March 22, 2020

Ice Breaker Question: What team or group of yours has a reputation far better than its performance?

Relate Group Value: Affirmation - Creating an atmosphere where group members affirm and encourage one another, build each other up in Christ, and help each other grow

Sermon Title: To the Church in Sardis

Sermon Text: Revelation 3:1-6

Other Relevant Scriptures: John 16:5-15; Revelation 1:4; 5:6; 7:9,14; 16:15; Luke 12:39-40; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4; Matthew 5:20; 7:21-27; 10:32; 15:8; 23:27-28; Romans 13:11-14.

1. What is the contrast between reputation and reality in Sardis? What dangers exist for Christians who rely on an image instead of nurturing a genuine spiritual life (vv. 2-3)?
2. What do the white garments (vv. 4-5) represent? How do we get our own white clothes (V. 5; Revelation 7:9,14)?
3. What is the only hope for survival of the church in Sardis? Why?
4. What do the “seven spirits” (v. 1) represent? Why are they associated with Jesus and what is their function in the churches and in our lives (v. 6 , Revelation 1:4; John 16:5-15)?
5. If Jesus addressed this “wake-up call” to you, what would he want you to strengthen?
6. Right now, would Jesus need a fire alarm to wake you up, or would a quiet call do it? Why?
7. What does Jesus mean when he says he “will come as a thief” (verse 3)? Why will we not know when he is coming (Luke 12:39-40; 1 Thessalonians 5:2-4)? Do you want him to come? Why?
8. What is the Spirit saying to you in this message originally intended for the believers in Sardis?

Weekly Check-up:

Who's your one? Are you praying for this person regularly? Are you seeking to have a gospel conversation with them?

How is your daily Bible reading going?

How has your prayer life been this past week?

Are you struggling in your obedience to God?

In what ways are you serving in our church?

Are you consistently giving to support the mission of our church?

Have you shared Jesus with anyone this past week?

Have you invited anyone to worship or small group?

What do you need prayer and encouragement for today?