# Revelation Series: Revelation 3:1-6 Week of March 3rd, 2024

# <u>Text</u>

Have someone read aloud **<u>Revelation 3:1-6</u>**.

Have you ever received a frightening wake-up? It can certainly be startling and get your heart rate elevated. Imagine the wake-up call for the church at Sardis when they read this letter. Frequently, when we are startled awake, it can be challenging to fall back asleep. This letter should be a startling wake-up call for followers of Christ and the modern-day church to be on guard against the forces of evil that seek to distract and lull us into complete spiritual ineffectiveness. We should cry out to the Lord in repentance and for an awakening and outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives and churches. How is the Holy Spirit trying to awaken and mobilize you for the Kingdom of God today?

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Have you ever had a scary wake-up from sleep? What was it like?
- 2. What biblical references or meaningful imagery do you see in this passage?
- 3. How can the church in Sardis "wake up and strengthen what remains" to avoid the death of the church?
- 4. How does the Holy Spirit work throughout the Bible to bring life to dead people and situations? (Examples: <u>Ezekiel 37:9-10</u>, <u>Judges 14:5-6</u>)

# **Application Questions**

1. Is doing something right for the wrong reason okay? Why or why not? What does the Bible say on this topic?



- 2. What happens when we work from our strength instead of God's strength?
- 3. How do we keep our "garments" pure? How does the world seek to steal our purity?
- 4. Is there something in your life trying to lull you asleep spiritually? How can you remove that thing from your life?

### <u>Prayer</u>

At the end of your conversation, spend some time praying as a group. Here are some prompts:

- 1. Pray that the Lord would increase our capacity and desire for more of the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Pray that the Lord would awaken and strengthen His church.

### **Additional Resources and Information**

Here are some additional resources for this week's topics and texts.

### **Commentary Download**

Click below to download a short commentary resource from Lifeway Small Group resources.

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### Wednesdays at LH

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