



Discussion Guide for “Laodicea: The Self-Sufficient Church”

Under Pressure Week 6

How much of our life actually involves Jesus? Is he essential or a mascot? The church at Laodicea paid Jesus lip service, but when he came to town, they left him out in the cold. On this Palm Sunday, how can we be sure we’re welcoming Jesus as our lord, not ignoring him?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Revelation 1:12-18](#)

[Revelation 3:14-22](#)

[Matthew 20:10-11](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Revelation 3:14-22](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Which of the churches’ messages has resonated with you the most? Why?
2. Why was the city of Laodicea so self-sufficient? How did that attitude manifest in the Church?
3. Where do you see self-sufficiency in faith today?
4. What does it look like to need Jesus right now?
5. How can we need each other during social distancing?