

## When The Church Gets It Wrong Week 5

**MAIN OBJECTIVE:** Repent from complacent faith and return to a genuine walk with God.

**KEEP IN MIND:** The goal is NOT to try and get through all the questions, but to have a meaningful discussion. Go through and think about which questions will land and spark the most conversation with those in your group.

**INTRO:** Message recap

*SAY THIS: The church at Sardis looked alive on the outside but was spiritually dead inside. Jesus warned them and invited them to repent. This week is an invitation to remember what is true, evaluate where we need to repent, and return to walk in genuine faith.*

**READ** Revelation 3:1-6

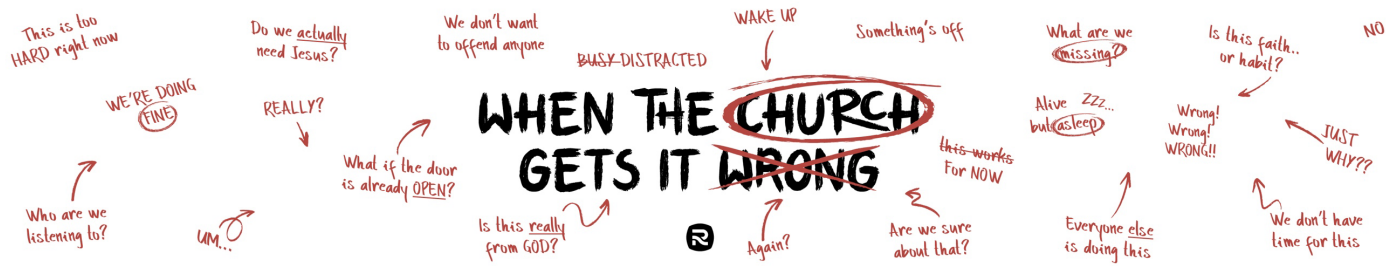
- What is Jesus' invitation and instruction to the church found in verses 2-3?
- What stands out to you the most about Jesus' invitation and instruction in these verses?
- What encouragement do you find in seeing Jesus give them an opportunity to live differently?
- Where do you sense Him inviting you to live differently?
- How can you discern when an area of your life only "appears" as faith but is not genuine?
- Who in your own life serves as a personal example of living out a life of genuine faith (v. 4)?

**READ** Psalm 139:23-24

- Why is it important to continuously ask God to correct and guide us in our walk with Him?
- What would it look like for you to build a habit of regularly praying this prayer in Psalm 139 to ask God to examine your own walk with Him?
- How can we encourage each other to do this together as a community?

**DISCUSSION:**

- What is one area of your faith you know you have grown complacent in?
- How can you take a step this week toward repenting and returning to genuine faith in that area?
- What will it look like for you to rely on the strength given from the Holy Spirit in you rather than trying to depend on your own will power?



**CHALLENGE:**

- Take time this week to read Psalm 139:23-24 on your own.
- Use this as a prayer and ask God to lead you to repent from areas of sin or complacent and return to walking in genuine faith.
- Send an encouraging text or write a note to someone who you believe is an example of living out a life of genuine faith.

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

- Pray for one another to be alert to how God is leading and convicting you (Rev. 3:2).
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help you remember God's Word and walk according to it (Rev. 3:3).