

PREPARE HIM ROOM

Revelation 3.14-22 // December 22, 2019

THE FAITHFULL WITNESS

Laodiceans were accustomed to lukewarm water brought in by their aqueduct system. It was distasteful and unrefreshing, as opposed to either cold mountain spring water or heated water useful for cooking or warming the body on a cold night. Jesus associates their faith with this lukewarm water, despite the fact that they thought they are complete and good enough in their faith.

Despite their claims, Jesus is the "true and faithful witness" who can testify of how our faith and hearts truly are. He sees behind the scenes and into the heart.

IDOL FACTORIES

Fill in the Blank: "If only _____, then I would be truly happy.

Ezekiel 14.3 // Proverbs 27.20

**An idol is behind our loftiest dreams, our scariest nightmares,
and our most unyielding emotions.**

- Tim Keller

**Worry, fear, sadness, and depression are smoke from the fires
rising from the altars of idolatry.**

-Augustine

IDOL DETECTOR TEST:

- Where do you turn for comfort when things are not going well?
- What one thing do you most hope is in your future?
- What is the one thing you most worry about losing?
- If you could change one thing about yourself right now, what would it be?
- What thing have you sacrificed the most for?
- Who is there in your life that you feel like you can't forgive, and why?
- When do you feel the most significant?
- What triggers depression in you?

THE SOLUTION

Luke 13.22-30

Our King calls us to make room for Him by humbly coming to Him, denouncing our current idols, and doing the hard work of putting sin to death. We do this firstly by beholding Him and inviting Him into our hearts.

**You have made us for yourself, oh Lord.
Our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in You.**

-Augustine

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

Elder Candidates

Tyler Willis and Casey Barnes

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Revelation 3.14-22**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **Revelation 3.21** and **Romans 8.35-39**. How does Romans give us Good News that the promise of Revelation 3.21 is for every believer in Christ? What hope does this give us even when we don't feel at all that we are conquering much of anything in life?

Repent and Ask for Provision

Look over the "Idol Detector" questions. What themes came up for you? What "kinds" do you find yourself pledging allegiance to that take up room in your heart? What must you do to truly begin to repent of this idolatry and open up your heart to Christ?

Your Life Mission

The battle has been won and we are more than conquerors because of Christ. Therefore, we ought to pledge our love, worship, and allegiance to Him, however, idols in our hearts blind us and draw us astray. The work of the Kingdom must first start with repentance. If we don't repent, we won't go into the world.

What conversations are coming up, maybe over Christmas, that you need prayer for, that you would have love, compassion, and boldness to share the Gospel with?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for those in your life that God has brought for you to be an ambassador of His Kingdom. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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