

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Whose message did John write down for the churches?
- Why is the church important?
- How can we be faithful followers of Jesus?



God's Warning to Seven Churches

Revelation 2–3

MAIN POINT: JESUS TOLD THE SEVEN CHURCHES TO STAND STRONG IN THE FAITH.

John had a vision of Jesus. Jesus told John to write down a message for the seven churches. So that is what John did.

“To the church in Ephesus: You do not love well like you did when you first believed. Turn back and love like you used to.

“To the church in Smyrna: You are poor and are suffering, but really you are rich! Do not be afraid.

“To the church in Pergamum: You are faithful to Me, but not everyone in the church is doing the right thing. Turn away from your sin and turn back to Me!

“To the church in Thyatira: I know about your love, faithfulness, and service. Keep believing the truth until I come.

“To the church in Sardis: You used to have a strong faith, but now you are weak. Wake up! Be ready for My return. Turn from your sin and remember the gospel.

“To the church in Philadelphia: I am coming soon. Be ready and keep believing.

“To the church in Laodicea: You are lukewarm—not hot or cold, so you are not good for anything. I will spit you out of My mouth!”

Jesus said, “See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.” Jesus will reward every faithful and obedient believer.

Christ Connection: Jesus loves the church. His message to seven local churches called them to turn away from their sin and remain faithful to Him. We can learn from those churches. Through the church, Jesus helps believers work together to do God's plan.

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