

## Getting To Know You

1. Has someone ever warned or cautioned you to avoid something and you didn't listen, but wished you had? If so, what were the circumstances? Consequences/results?
2. What is the best piece of advice you received from your father? What are some examples of the ways he reflected God? Contrary?
3. D.L. Moody said, "Cling to the whole Bible, not part of it. A man is not going to do much with a broken sword". Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
4. A.W. Tozer said, "We must allow the Word of God to correct us the same way we allow it to encourage us." Thoughts? Agree? Disagree?
5. Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

## Digging Deeper

1. What happens when we don't listen to God's rebuke, correction, or warning? What does Proverbs 19:20-21 say? How do you receive counsel from others? God? What happens when we focus on our plans and not His?

Has there ever been a time in your life when you didn't listen to God's warning or correction? If so, what were the circumstances? What were the outcomes? What did you learn in the process?

2. Do we know how the Church at Colossae received Paul's instruction/correction? Laodicea? Did Paul leave them uninformed? What was Paul's heart and purpose for writing the letter? What can we learn from them? What do we need to heed?
3. What do we know about Laodicea? How were they similar to Colossae? Different? What view did the Laodiceans have of themselves? Where was their trust? Who were they depending on? In what ways were they "going through the motions".

Do you ever operate with this line of thinking? Where does it lead? How do we avoid it?

4. What is Jesus' response to them? Why did Jesus want to vomit/spew them out of His mouth? What does it mean to be lukewarm? What are the indicators of being lukewarm? How does someone get there? Explain.

What would Jesus say about Cross Church? Would we receive any rebuke, correction, or warning? Praise? What would He say about you? Explain.

5. Compare and contrast the Church at Philadelphia with Laodicea. What are the similarities? Differences? What can we learn from them? What should we replicate? Avoid?

6. Was there hope for Laodicea? Explain. Did Jesus stop loving them? What about us? How important is repentance? What is Jesus' desire for Laodicea? What does He encourage them to do?

Why is it so important to actively listen to the voice of God? How do you distinguish between His voice and others? How is scripture used in the process? Holy Spirit?

What area of your life is being challenged the most right now? Is there anything you need to repent of? Have you done it?

#### Growing Closer

1. Who is someone you shared the gospel with this week?
2. What have you been reading in your quiet times?
3. What has God been teaching you?