

QUESTIONS

Day 1: Read Commentary Notes

1. Write down something from the Stedman Commentary Notes that helped you understand this passage of scripture.
2. How did the lecture help, encourage or teach you in your faith walk?

Day 2: Read Revelation 3:7-8, Exodus 15:11, Psalm 99:9, Isaiah 6:3, John 14:6, Romans 3:4, Hebrews 6:18, Matthew 28:18, Mark 1:27, John 5:27, Ephesians 1:22, Isaiah 22:20-24 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

(Note: Philadelphia means “brotherly love” and was located about 28 miles southeast of Sardis. Because it was situated on the main route from Rome to the East, it was known as the ‘the gateway to the East.’ Philadelphia sat on a geological fault and was prone to earthquakes.”

3. How is Jesus described in verse 7 and what kind of response should anyone have to Him? (Hint: Two of His character traits are stated and another is described.)
4. Write down something you learn from the cross references below that address God's holiness, truth, and authority.

Holiness:

Exodus 15:11 –

Psalm 99:9 –

Isaiah 6:3 –

Truth:

John 14:6 –

Romans 3:4 –

Hebrews 6:18 –

Authority:

Matthew 28:18 –

Mark 1:27 –

John 5:27 –

Ephesians 1:22 –

5. He “who holds the key of David” is a probable reference to Isaiah 22:20-24, when a faithful man named Eliakim was given authority over Israel by God. Revelation 3:7 states that Jesus holds the key of David (or Israel). This means that Jesus opens and closes doors for eternal life, opportunity for ministry and service for His people. Why is this an important principle by which to live?

6. **Personal Question:** What doors of ministry/service opportunities has God opened for you? Describe them.

Day 3: Read Revelation 3:9-10, Philippians 2:10-11, Isaiah 60:14 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

7. The synagogue of Satan, mentioned in verse 9, is a probable reference to Jewish synagogue members who espoused heretical teachings about Jesus. For what did Jesus rebuke them?

8. According to verse 9 and also Philippians 2:10-11 and Isaiah 60:14, what will ultimately happen to “false worshippers?”

9. **Thought Question:** Do you think these known as the “synagogue of Satan” will one day bow for their salvation (voluntarily because they love Jesus) or one day bow in condemnation (forced to bow because they rejected Jesus)? Explain your answer.

10. What promise is given to the Church at Philadelphia? (Note: Much more will be explored about this subject in your commentary notes and the lecture.)

11. **Personal Question:** How does the promise in verse 10 encourage you?

Day 4: Read Revelation 3:11-13, Matthew 24:44, Luke 19:13, 1 Corinthians 1:7, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Acts 1:11 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

12. Jesus declares in verse 11, “I am coming soon.” What do the following cross references indicate we should do while we await His return?

Matthew 24:44 –

Luke 19:13 –

1 Corinthians 1:7 –

1 Corinthians 4:5 –

Acts 1:11 –

13. In verse 12, what does Jesus say He will do for the one who is victorious (or overcomes)? (Hint: Jesus makes three “I will” promises to this church.)

14. **Personal Question:** Which of the “I will” statements from verse 12 is most meaningful to you and why?

Day 5: Read Revelation 3:14-18 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

(Note: Warren Wiersbe writes of the Church in Laodicea, “As with some of the previous churches, the Lord adapted His words to something significant about the city in which the assembly was located. In this case, Laodicea was known for its wealth and its manufacture of a special eye salve, as well as a glossy black wool cloth. It also was located near Hieropolis, where there were famous hot springs, and Colossae, known for its pure, cold water.” The city was founded by Antiochus II and named after his wife Laodice. It was located about 40 miles from Philadelphia on the route to Colossae.)

15. According to verse 14, whose words were addressing the Church at Laodicea and how does each word or phrase fit Jesus? (Hint: The dictionary definition of Amen is “so be it, to sanction or approve, to end or finish.”)

16. According to verses 15 and 16, what happens to those in the church who are “lukewarm” spiritually?

17. Make a bullet point list describing a “lukewarm” church member.

18. **Personal Question:** Is there any part of your relationship with Jesus that could be described as “lukewarm?” If so, what? What needs to be done to remedy it?

19. What did the Laodicean Church think of itself as recorded in verse 17? And what did Jesus say was their real condition in verse 17? What did Jesus advise them to do?

Day 6: Read Revelation 3:19-22, Hebrews 12:5-11 [\[Open NIV\]](#) [\[Open NKJV\]](#)

20. How does Jesus show love for His church in verse 19 and Hebrews 12:5-11?
21. According to verse 20, where is Jesus? What is He doing? What response does He desire from the church? What does He promise to those who respond?
22. **Thought Question:** What is the spiritual significance of Jesus “standing at the door and knocking” and promising to “come in and eat with him, and he with me” to those who let Him in? (Hint: In Middle Eastern culture, the fellowship experienced during a meal was as important as the physical nourishment gained from the meal.)
23. **Personal Question:** Is there a time in your life when you responded to Jesus’ knock on your heart’s door? Explain.
24. What promise is given in verse 21? How would this encourage the Church at Laodicea as well as you and me today?