

# JESUS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH

**Lukewarm**  
Message 7  
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(Revelation 3:17-19. C/R: Ecclesiastes 5:1-3;  
2 Corinthians 3:5)

## ► Outline

*"But since you are like lukewarm water, neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth!"*  
**Revelation 3:16 (NLT)**

### A. Introduction

(Revelation 3:14-16. C/R: Matthew 8:5-10; Mark 6:6)

### B. Confronts...

(Revelation 3:15-19)

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(Revelation 3:15-16. C/R: 2 Kings 19:28; Proverbs 13:4;  
Isaiah 5:4)

### C. Offers...

(Revelation 3:20-22)

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**Answers:** B. 1. Complacency 2. Self-sufficiency C. 1. Communion

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

Who do you know who's on fire for Jesus? Describe their actions.

### Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer with God. Ask Him to show you what He wants you to know as you study. Pause to listen for His answers.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

#### Read Revelation 3:14-22.

1. Do you approach your life and faith half-heartedly? How can you shift that into a more whole-hearted approach?
2. Do you stand fast to the Word of God, or are your beliefs open to interpretation? How can you strengthen your understanding of Scripture to help you stand firmer in your faith?
3. How can you become more on fire for Jesus? In what ways can you share that passion with others?
4. Who do you rely on more, yourself or God? How can you focus more on God and less on yourself?
5. Describe when things were going well, yet you felt miserable and lost. As you think about that, determine how God was at work.
6. How does your use of time and money reflect your values? What can you do to shift your priorities to deepen your faith?
7. How would someone describe your faith? Would they say it's hot, cold or lukewarm? What can you do differently to turn up the heat in your faith?

8. Once again, Jesus doesn't cast a church aside because of their shortcomings. He does the same for us. How can that assurance help you share the Good News of Jesus with others?
9. God is waiting for us to take the next step in our relationship with Him. He knocks...or whispers...or nudges...or calls us to invite Him in. How do you prepare yourself to listen to God? As you pray, leave time for God to speak and for you to hear.
10. How does having a relationship with Jesus help your relationships with others?
11. As you've learned about the seven churches in Revelation, what's impacted you most about God and yourself?

### Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day this week reading the Daily Devotional. If you don't have a Daily Devotional book, you can pick one up at the Information Desk or the Reception Desk or view it on the Brookwood Church app.

### Memory Verse

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### Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Revelation 3:15-16 | Day 5: Revelation 3:19 |
| Day 2: Revelation 3:17    | Day 6: Revelation 3:20 |
| Day 3: John 9:39          | Day 7: Revelation 3:21 |
| Day 4: 2 Samuel 10:2-4    |                        |

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, October 1, we'll conclude our series *Jesus at the Center of the Church*. Prepare by reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5**.



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