



DEAR SARDIS,

REVELATION 3:1-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Ideal Church

When you think about what makes a “good church,” what factors stand out to you—and how do those compare with what Jesus values in Revelation 3?

“Doing Church”

Why do you think churches (and individuals) can so easily slip into looking alive but actually being spiritually dead?

Have you ever found yourself “doing church” but feeling spiritually empty? What helped you recognize it, and what brought you back to life?

What are some modern-day signs that a church might be more focused on reputation than on real spiritual life?

In what ways do you see the difference between activity for God and intimacy with God?

Go Back

Jesus tells Sardis to “go back to what you heard and believed at first.” What does that first-love moment with Jesus look like for you?

How can remembering back to when the Spirit was alive in you help revive your faith when it feels dry?



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS, CONT.

Promises

Jesus says to Sardis, "Wake up!" — what might "waking up" look like in your personal walk with God?

Jesus promises to those who keep the Spirit alive in their life a white robe (righteous and victorious), their name written in the book of life (secure eternity, and to walk with him (intimacy). Talk about what those promises mean to you.

Live it Out

What do you need to implement or remove in your life to give space for the Spirit to fan the flame inside of you?

How could our group encourage one another to keep the Spirit's flame alive, rather than just going through the motions?

Prayer Focus

- Go around and have each person pray for the person on their right. Listen to the Spirit as you offer a prayer over them.
- **Don't rush prayer tonight! Make sure to give it honorable space.**