

# GraceWay Church Groups Discussion Guide Apr 14 - 20, 2024

"Wk 2: Practical Atheist"

## Open It

1. What are some examples of lessons that you have had to learn the hard way?

# **Explore It (Rev. 3:14-16)**

- 2. By what unusual description did Jesus identify Himself? (vs. 14)
- 3. How did Jesus describe the church at Laodicea? (vs. 15)
- 4. What response did Jesus promise to the Laodicean church because of its behavior? (vs. 16)

#### Get It

- 5. Review the 10 characteristics of a lukewarm Christian from Sunday's sermon.
- 6. In looking at this list of characteristics, are there any you can identify with? Why or why not?
- 7. What is a hot Christian, a cold Christian, and a lukewarm Christian?
- 8. Why are we sometimes more passionate about our relationships with other people than we are about our relationship with God?
- 9. What are some of the distractions in your life you feel are keeping you more focused on temporary life rather than on eternal life?
- 10. Would you consider yourself a cold, hot, or lukewarm Christian? Why?

### **Apply It**

- 11. What are some specific things you can start doing today that will help deepen your passion for Christ, and help you become a "hot Christian"?
- 12. How can we pray for you this week?

# 10 characteristics of a lukewarm Christian:

- 1. Crave acceptance from people more than acceptance from God.
- 2. Rarely share their <u>faith</u> in Christ with others.
- 3. Do whatever it takes to alleviate their guilt.
- 4. Think more about life on <u>earth</u> than <u>eternity</u> in heaven.
- 5. Gauge their morality by <u>comparing</u> themselves to others.
- 6. Want to be saved from the penalty of sin without changing their lives.
- 7. Only turn to God when they are in a bind.
- 8. Give whenever it doesn't hinder their standard of living.
- 9. Are not much <u>different</u> from the rest of the world.
- 10. Want the benefits of what Christ did without conforming to who He is.