

Holding On to a Christian Worldview

Lesson 8 · Revelation 3:14 to 22

One Hour of Prayer Covering the Teaching Session

OUR CENTRAL PRAYER

“Lord Jesus, keep us from becoming lukewarm. Be the only ruler of our lives, let Your Word be our only source of truth, and help us see ourselves, our purpose and our future the way You see them.”

The church at Laodicea was wealthy and comfortable, yet Jesus called it **lukewarm**. This lesson shows how believers and whole churches can drift into lukewarmness when the world’s way of thinking slowly replaces a **Christian worldview**. The remedy is to return to Christ and to His Word.

Before the Hour Begins: The Leader’s Opening

The leader opens the time with these words:

“Sisters, during this hour we are praying through the message to the church at Laodicea. Jesus did not call this church dead. He called it lukewarm.

Everyone looks at life through a worldview. It answers two questions of authority: who rules my life, and what is my source of truth. It also answers three questions of destiny: where did I come from, why am I here, and what comes after this life.

When the world’s answers slowly replace God’s answers, our faith grows lukewarm. Today we will ask God to search us, to restore Christ to the throne of our hearts and to anchor us in His Word.

Let us pray for ourselves first, and then for our families, our churches and the next generation.”

1. Lord, Search Us for Lukewarmness

0 TO 5 MINUTES

“Lord, show us where we have grown lukewarm.”

The church at Laodicea was not dead, like the church at Sardis. It was lukewarm. It had plenty of resources, yet Jesus had nothing good to say about it. The church had grown indifferent and disconnected from the things of God.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:15, 16 (KJV)

“I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Psalm 139:23, 24 · Revelation 2:4, 5 · Lamentations 3:40

FOR THE LEADER

Read Revelation 3:15, 16 slowly. Then say:

“Let us not begin by thinking of others. Let us ask the Lord to show each of us where our own hearts have cooled toward Him.”

Allow a minute of silent prayer before praying aloud.

PRAY FOR

- Honest hearts before the Lord.
- Eyes to see where we have grown lukewarm.
- A fresh fire of love for Christ.
- Churches that are spiritually alive and not only busy.
- Freedom from indifference toward the things of God.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, You know our works. Search our hearts and show us where we have grown cold or lukewarm toward You. Do not let us be satisfied with a comfortable faith. Light a fresh fire of love for You in every heart in this room."

LEADER SAYS

"Laodicea grew lukewarm because it trusted its own wealth, plans and understanding. Let us pray that we will depend on the Lord and not on ourselves."

2. Depending on God, Not on Ourselves

5 TO 10 MINUTES

"Lord, we cannot do Your work without You."

Instead of relying fully on the Lord, the church at Laodicea leaned on its own resources, plans and understanding. Their works were lukewarm because they were not done in the power of the Spirit of God.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:17 (KJV)

"Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Zechariah 4:6 · John 15:5 · Proverbs 3:5, 6

FOR THE LEADER

Say:

"It is possible to have plenty and still be poor before God. Let us confess every way we have trusted our own strength instead of the Holy Spirit."

PRAY FOR

- Humble hearts that know our need of God.
- Ministry done in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Freedom from trusting in money, plans or our own wisdom.
- Churches that pray before they plan.
- Leaders who depend on God and not on human strength.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Father, forgive us for the times we have said we have need of nothing. We need You. Let everything we do be done in the power of Your Spirit. Keep us from trusting our own resources, plans and understanding. Teach us to depend on You completely."

LEADER SAYS

"Everyone looks at the world through a worldview, shaped by experience, education, culture and upbringing. Every worldview begins with one question: who is sovereign over my life? Let us pray that the answer for us will always be Jesus Christ."

3. Jesus Christ, Sovereign over Our Lives

10 TO 15 MINUTES

“Lord Jesus, You reign over all.”

A secular worldview says, “I am the ruler of my own life.” The Christian worldview answers that Jesus Christ is Lord over all. All things were created by Him and for Him, and there is none like Him.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:16, 17 (KJV)

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Hebrews 1:1 to 3 · Philipians 2:9 to 11 · Romans 14:8

FOR THE LEADER

Ask the women to pray silently:

“Lord, is there any part of my life where I am still on the throne?”

Then lead in prayers of surrender.

PRAY FOR

- Every believer to bow to Christ as Lord.
- Surrender of the areas we have kept for ourselves.
- Families that put Christ first.
- Churches that honor Christ above every other voice.
- Freedom from the belief that we are the rulers of our own lives.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

“Lord Jesus, You are before all things, and by You all things hold together. We confess that You alone are sovereign over our lives. Take the throne of every heart in this room. Rule over our homes, our churches and our decisions.”

LEADER SAYS

“The second question of authority is this: what is the source of truth that guides my life? Let us pray that God’s Word will be our final authority.”

4. God’s Word, Our Source of Truth

15 TO 20 MINUTES

“Father, Your Word is truth.”

A secular worldview looks to science, reason or “my truth” and says truth depends on the person. The Christian worldview holds that God’s Word is truth. It speaks to every part of our lives and it stands forever.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

John 17:17 (KJV)

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.”

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Psalms 119:160 · Isaiah 40:8 · 2 Peter 1:3

FOR THE LEADER

Ask everyone to say together, slowly:

"Thy word is truth."

Then pray for a church that knows and trusts the Word of God.

PRAY FOR

- Believers who know the Word for themselves.
- Trust in Scripture as the final authority.
- Freedom from the idea that truth is whatever we feel.
- Faithful Bible teaching in every church.
- A love for daily time in God's Word.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Father, Your Word is truth. It does not change and it will stand forever. Make Your Word the final authority in our lives. When the world offers its own version of truth, help us hold fast to what You have said."

LEADER SAYS

"When we know who is sovereign and where truth is found, the Bible answers the great questions of life. The first is: where did I come from? Let us thank God that we are His creation."

5. Created in the Image of God

20 TO 25 MINUTES

"Father, thank You that You made us."

Here the Christian worldview parts ways sharply with the secular one. We are not the product of random chance. God created us in His own image, and He formed each person with intention and care.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:27 (KJV)

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Psalm 139:13 to 16 · Genesis 1:26 · Jeremiah 1:5

FOR THE LEADER

Say:

"Every person we will ever meet, and every child in the womb, bears the image of God. Let us thank Him and ask Him to help us see people the way He sees them."

PRAY FOR

- Gratitude that we are fearfully and wonderfully made.
- Respect for the value of every human life, born and unborn.
- Women who know their worth comes from God.
- Children and young people to understand who made them.
- Believers who see every person as an image bearer of God.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Father, thank You that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. You formed us in our mother's womb, and You wrote our days in Your book. Help us honor every human life as You do. Let every woman here know that her worth comes from You."

LEADER SAYS

"The second question is: why am I here? Many people, especially young people, feel their lives have no meaning. Let us pray that God's purpose will be clear to us and to them."

6. Living for God's Glory

25 TO 30 MINUTES

"Lord, let our lives have one purpose: Your glory."

A secular worldview says life is mine to live for my own happiness. The Bible says we are God's workmanship, created for good works and for His glory. Solomon looked at everything under the sun and concluded that our whole duty is to fear God and keep His commandments.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 2:10 (KJV)

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 10:31 · Ecclesiastes 12:13 · Colossians 3:17

FOR THE LEADER

Invite the women to pray especially for young people who are struggling to find meaning. Say:

"Some young people have lost hope because they see no point to their lives. Let us pray that they will discover the purpose God created them for."

PRAY FOR

- Young people who feel their lives have no meaning.
- Hope for those who are tempted to give up.
- Believers who live for God's glory and not their own comfort.
- Freedom from a gospel that is only about prosperity.
- Hearts that delight to do the good works God prepared for us.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord, we were created by You and for You. Let us not waste our lives chasing only comfort and happiness. Give hope to every young person who feels life has no purpose. Show them that they were made for You. Whatever we do, let us do it all to Your glory."

LEADER SAYS

"The third question is: what comes after this life? The Bible is clear for the believer and the unbeliever alike. Let us thank God for our hope and pray for those who do not yet know Christ."

7. Our Hope Beyond This Life

30 TO 35 MINUTES

"Thank You, Lord, for everlasting life."

Many with a secular worldview believe death is simply the end. The Bible tells us that believers have everlasting life and will be with the Lord forever, and it warns that those who do not know God face separation from Him.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

John 3:16 (KJV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17 · 2 Thessalonians 1:8, 9 · Revelation 21:8

FOR THE LEADER

Lead a moment of thanksgiving for salvation. Then ask each woman to name silently one person she knows who does not yet know Christ, and pray for that person.

PRAY FOR

- Assurance of salvation for every believer.
- Thanksgiving for the hope of Christ's return.
- Family members and friends who do not know Christ.
- A renewed burden for the lost.
- Courage to share the Gospel.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Father, thank You that You so loved the world that You gave Your only Son. Thank You for the promise that we shall always be with the Lord. Give us a burden for those who do not know You. Open their eyes and give us courage to tell them about Jesus."

LEADER SAYS

"When a Christian lives by these truths, it is a powerful, God centered life. But when any part is replaced by the world's thinking, lukewarmness begins. It usually starts with the question of who is sovereign. Let us pray for undivided hearts."

8. Giving God Our Whole Heart

35 TO 40 MINUTES

"Lord, we will keep nothing back from You."

Whenever we keep a part of our heart for our own use and enjoyment, we step away from the sovereignty of God. Sometimes this is excused as love or inclusion, or by bending the plain meaning of Scripture.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:3 (KJV)

"Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Matthew 22:37 · Luke 6:46 · 1 John 5:21

FOR THE LEADER

Say:

"We cannot obey God in everything except the one area we want to keep for ourselves. Let us ask Him to show us any other 'sovereign' we have allowed into our hearts."

Give the women a short time of silent confession.

PRAY FOR

- Undivided hearts.
- Freedom from hidden areas of disobedience.
- Love that is true to Scripture and not only to feelings.
- Grace to obey even when it is unpopular.
- Believers who do not bend the Word to fit their desires.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord, You alone are God. Show us any area where we have set up another ruler in our hearts. Forgive us for the times we have excused sin in the name of love. Give us undivided hearts that love You and obey You completely."

LEADER SAYS

"This same drift can happen in whole churches and denominations, when another authority is placed beside Scripture. Let us pray for the church to remain faithful to the Word."

9. Churches That Stay True to Scripture

40 TO 45 MINUTES

"Lord, keep Your church faithful to Your Word."

The lesson shows how churches and even whole denominations can drift when they allow tradition, reason or majority vote to stand beside Scripture as their authority. Over time, this leads to positions that are contrary to God's Word.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 4:3, 4 (KJV)

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 40:8 · Jude 3 · Acts 20:28 to 30

FOR THE LEADER

Ask the women to pray with a humble heart, not a critical one. Say:

"Let us pray for the whole church of Jesus Christ, and especially for churches that have drifted from Scripture. Let us also pray that our own churches will never follow that path."

PRAY FOR

- Churches and denominations to return to the authority of Scripture.
- Pastors and leaders who preach sound doctrine.
- Protection for our own churches from slow drift.
- Courage for leaders who stand for truth under pressure.
- The value of every human life to be upheld by the church.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord, Your Word stands forever. Keep Your church faithful to it. Where churches and denominations have turned away from Scripture, call them back. Give our pastors courage to preach sound doctrine, and keep our own churches from drifting."

LEADER SAYS

"Christians who do not know the Word well can also take on the world's sources of truth without realizing it. Even the most educated can fall into this trap. Let us pray for discernment."

10. Discernment Against the World's Wisdom

45 TO 50 MINUTES

"Lord, help us test every idea by Your Word."

The secular worldview looks to science, reason or personal truth to interpret the world. When influential Christians accept ideas that do not agree with the plain teaching of Scripture, such as its account of creation, many others can be led down the same path.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:8 (KJV)

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

1 John 4:1 · Romans 12:2 · Proverbs 14:12

FOR THE LEADER

Invite the women to pray for students, teachers and Christians who work in science, medicine, education and the media.

PRAY FOR

- Discernment for every believer.
- Students in schools, colleges and universities.
- Christians in science, medicine and education.
- Influential Christian teachers and writers to stay true to Scripture.
- Wisdom to test every teaching by the Word of God.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Father, give us discernment. Do not let us be taken captive by the wisdom of this world. Protect our students and young people. Keep Christians in places of influence faithful to Your Word. Help us test every idea by Scripture."

LEADER SAYS

"A recent survey found that many who call themselves evangelicals no longer hold to the Bible's teaching on sin, salvation and Christ alone. Let us pray that we will hold firmly to these truths."

11. Holding to the Truth About Sin and Salvation

50 TO 55 MINUTES

"Lord Jesus, You alone are the way."

The 2025 State of Theology survey found that many evangelicals believe people are good by nature, that everyone is born innocent, and that God accepts the worship of all religions. When we compromise on God's authority and His Word, our answers to every other question are sure to be corrupted.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

John 14:6 (KJV)

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Romans 3:23 · Acts 4:12 · Psalm 51:5

FOR THE LEADER

Say:

"These are not small matters. They are the heart of the Gospel. Let us pray that every believer will know and hold to what the Bible teaches."

PRAY FOR

- A clear understanding that all have sinned.
- Firm faith that salvation is found in Christ alone.
- Protection from the belief that all religions lead to God.
- Protection from the belief that everyone will be saved in the end.
- Churches that preach the full Gospel with love and clarity.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through You. Keep us faithful to the truth about sin and salvation. Protect Your people from teachings that make the cross unnecessary. Let us proclaim Your Gospel clearly and lovingly."

LEADER SAYS

"God did not give up on the Laodiceans, and He will not give up on us. The remedy is to return to Him and to His Word. Let us finish this hour by opening the door to Christ."

12. The Remedy: Opening the Door to Christ

55 TO 60 MINUTES

"Lord, we open the door to You."

Jesus did not abandon the church at Laodicea. He rebuked them because He loved them, and He stood at the door and knocked. The remedy for a lukewarm heart and a corrupted worldview is to repent, return to Christ and seek out sound teaching from God's Word.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:19, 20 (KJV)

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

Revelation 3:18 · Revelation 3:21, 22 · Psalm 119:105

FOR THE LEADER

Ask everyone to stand, if appropriate. Read Revelation 3:20 aloud, then lead the women in saying together:

"Lord Jesus, we hear Your voice. We open the door. Come in."

Then move into the closing prayer.

PRAY FOR

- Zealous hearts that repent and return.
- Renewed fellowship with Christ.
- A deep hunger for sound biblical teaching.
- Every believer to know God's Word for themselves.
- Churches that burn with love for Christ.

WORDS TO USE IN PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, thank You that You have not given up on us. Thank You that You correct us because You love us. We hear You knocking, and we open the door. Come in and have fellowship with us. Give us zeal for You and a hunger for Your Word. Make us hot for You, never lukewarm again."

Closing Five Minutes: Praying Together

Father, we come before You in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

Thank You for Your Word, and thank You that You speak to us even when You must correct us. Thank You that You did not give up on the church at Laodicea, and You will not give up on us.

Lord, search our hearts. Wherever we have grown lukewarm, set us on fire for You again. Forgive us for trusting our own resources, plans and understanding.

Lord Jesus, You are sovereign over all. Take the throne of our hearts. We will have no other gods before You.

Your Word is truth. Let it be our final authority in every matter of life and godliness.

Thank You that You created us in Your image. Help us honor every human life. Thank You that You made us for good works and for Your glory. Give hope to every young person who feels life has no purpose.

Thank You for the gift of everlasting life in Christ. Give us a burden for those who do not yet know You.

Keep Your church faithful to Your Word. Call back churches that have drifted. Give our pastors and teachers courage to preach sound doctrine. Give us discernment to test every idea by Scripture.

Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but by You. Keep us faithful to the Gospel.

We hear You knocking, and we open the door. Come in and have fellowship with us. Give us a hunger for Your Word.

**Christ is our King.
Your Word is our truth.
We are made in Your image.
We live for Your glory.
We will not be lukewarm.**

In the precious name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.

Final Call and Response

The leader speaks the first line and the women respond.

Leader: "Lord, search our hearts."

Women: "Keep us from being lukewarm."

Leader: "Who rules our lives?"

Women: "Jesus Christ is Lord."

Leader: "What is our truth?"

Women: "Your Word is truth."

Leader: "Where did we come from?"

Women: "You made us in Your image."

Leader: "Why are we here?"

Women: "To live for Your glory."

Leader: "What comes after this?"

Women: "We shall always be with the Lord."

Leader: "Lord, You are knocking at the door."

Women: "We open the door to You."

Three Phrases for the Prayer Team to Keep Praying

- 1. "Christ is sovereign."**
- 2. "Your Word is truth."**
- 3. "Not lukewarm, but on fire for You."**

HOW THIS HOUR UNFOLDS

The prayer time follows the flow of the lesson, step by step:

Search for lukewarmness, depend on God, bow to Christ as sovereign, trust His Word as truth, remember we are made in His image, live for His glory, hold on to our eternal hope, give Him our

