



STUDY GUIDE

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[start with prayer]

Thank the Lord for the generosity of the donors that have stepped up to finish the SOLI Bible translation.

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
CVC Congregation—Increased Missional Engagement

[set up]

What have you been reading or studying personally?

Who are some of the pastors and authors that you learn from?

One of the great dangers that we see throughout the letters to all of the churches is that false teaching has seeped in causing deep concern from Christ. It is vital that as believers we test everything against the Scripture.

A note from Pastor Joe:

As Christian book stores have closed, and online shopping continues to rise, it can be hard for Christians to know what authors to read. Here is a list of excellent online booksellers and publishers. Even if you choose to purchase the books on Amazon, these companies curate the books to ensure you are getting solid, biblical teaching.

<https://www.wtsbooks.com/>
<https://www.prpbooks.com/>
<https://www.christianfocus.com/>
<http://www.monergismbooks.com/>

If you are a serious reader and want to dig deep - here is a great list of recommended reading.

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/bring-the-books-with-a-new-recommended-list>

[digging deeper]

Re-Read the letter to the church at Laodicea from Revelation 3:14-22.

Last week Pastor Rick had LifeGroups use a method of Bible study that is common in the missions world as it forces people to study the text for themselves. We're going to use the same tactic to study the text this week.

- One person read Revelation 3:14-22 out loud while everyone reads along.
- Another person read the same passage out loud.
- Without looking at the Bible, a third person retells the passage in his/her own words. There's no pressure to remember if all. Others will fill in what's missing.
- Discuss: What does this passage teach us about Christ Jesus?
- Discuss: What does this passage teach us about people?
- Discuss: What does this passage teach about obedience, about how we are to live? (Write these answers on a giant Post-it.)

[living it out]

Reference the "whatever" attitude check-up from service this week. Have each person in the group identify 1-2 areas where they have a "whatever" attitude towards Christ.

Have each person write down action steps to take in the areas in which they are weak. Check back on progress in a few weeks as a group for accountability.

[end with prayer]

Pray through the three issues that Pastor Joe mentioned in his sermon:

1. Authority problem—pray for those who are young in their faith and who are still battling giving control of EVERY part of their life to the Lord.
2. Passion problem—pray that the people of CVC would serve Christ more passionately in the areas where they have drifted into a "whatever" attitude.
3. Reality problem—pray for those who believe that they are Christians, but who are deceived.