

REVELATION 3:14-22

This series may have made some of us uncomfortable - but that's what the Word of God is supposed to do. Every church is at risk of falling behind. We can bask in what we have, and miss the point. But all the churches in this letter have one thing in common: they are not past redemption or saving. There is always hope.

Laodicea was on a good trading route. It didn't have a good water supply, and the two nearest cities offered volcanic water and mountain water...both of which were lukewarm by the time the water arrived at the city. It was the centre of banking for the region, famed for medicine for eyes, and for their high quality textiles - but Jesus tells them they are poor, blind, and naked.

They were lukewarm: complacent and distracted by the world. Jesus would rather we were hot or cold, one or the other. It's easy to become apathetic, and just let life and church happen. Laodicea was proud of never needing to ask for help, but despite that, Jesus doesn't leave them in their plight. Those He loves, He disciplines.

If we love Jesus, we will be persecuted in some form. We can't be surprised at suffering or hardship, because God loves us. There's always a way back to God. There's always the chance for restoration.



01 — Springs of water

How many references in the Bible can you think of that mention springs of water? What similarities and differences do you notice?



02 — Discipline

What are some of the ways that God disciplined people in the Bible? Do we see this today?



03 — Practising what (Andy) preaches

We should be afraid to be lukewarm. Is there something you will change - or try to change - to grow warmer in your faith? Also, Andy would like to know your thoughts on this 'what Jesus would be saying to LCC if He wrote a letter to our Church.'

