

STRENGTHEN WHAT REMAINS

Revelation 3:1-6
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INTRODUCTION:

Survey of the last four churches...

A. THE ATTRIBUTES OF CHRIST

1. Jesus Christ supersedes (v. 1a)
2. Jesus Christ leads (v. 1b)
3. Jesus Christ sees (v. 1c)

B. THE ADMONITION TO THE SARDINIANS

1. Strengthen what remains (v. 2a)
2. Finish what you have started (v. 2b)
3. Remember what you received (v. 3a)
4. Hold on to the promises (v. 3b)

C. THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE FAITHFUL

1. A new garment (v. 4)
2. A new name (v. 5)

CONCLUSION

Spiritual complacency is dangerous, but renewal is possible through repentance and reliance on Christ.

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Opening Question:

- Have you ever had a time in your life when you looked fine on the outside but felt spiritually dry inside? What was that experience like?

Read Revelation 3:1-6

1. What stands out to you in Jesus' message to the church in Sardis?
2. Jesus says, "You have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead." What do you think He meant by this?
3. What are some signs that a person or a church might appear spiritually alive but is actually struggling inwardly?

Understanding the Passage:

4. In verse 2, Jesus tells them to "Wake up!" and "Strengthen what remains." What do you think this means in practical terms?
5. How does Jesus' warning about their unfinished works (v.2) challenge our approach to living out our faith?
6. In verse 3, Jesus urges them to "remember, hold fast, and repent." Why are these three actions important for spiritual renewal?

Personal Application:

7. In what ways do you see a need for spiritual renewal in your own life?
8. What practical steps can you take to ensure your faith remains vibrant and not just a reputation?
9. Jesus makes a promise to those who remain faithful (v.5). How does this encourage you in your walk with Christ?

Prayer Time:

- Spend time praying for one another. Ask God to reveal any areas in your life where you need renewal. Pray for a fresh awakening in your faith and for the church to remain spiritually alive.