

THE BOOK OF



UNTIL HE COMES

#### **REVELATION 3:1-6**

**GROUP RESOURCE** 

# OVERVIEW SERMON SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION PRAYER

## OVERVIEW

It's no mystery that the book of Revelation can feel intimidating and confusing. A simplified understanding of Revelation is this, how could the Christians in the first century remain faithful to Jesus even when faced with persecution and death?

Hope. Hope in what? Hope in Jesus. The book of Revelation helps Christians stand firm because we know how it ends, that Jesus will be victorious in the end. The book of Revelation provides the perfect end to the Bibles grand story of God and humanity.

### SERMON

SARDIS CHURCH: THE HYPOCRITICAL CHURCH

- Out of the three that were talked about, which one(s) cause you to focus on your reputation rather than your substance (Approval, Avoidance, and/or Apathy)
- 2. When were you first impacted by the Gospel?
- 3. What is one way that Jesus is calling you out of hypocrisy?

### SCRIPTURE

#### **REVELATION 3:1-6 ESV**

<sup>1</sup>And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: 'The words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars.

" 'I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead. <sup>2</sup> Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. <sup>3</sup> Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. <sup>4</sup> Yet you have still a few names in Sardis, people who have not soiled their garments, and they will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. <sup>5</sup> The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels. <sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

#### DISCUSSION

- 1. How is Jesus' rebuke of them loving?
- Jesus calls the Sardis church to "remember, Keep and Repent" what is He trying to help them come back to?
- 3. How can you be encouraged by this letter to Sardis?

#### PRAYER

Take time to pray over peoples needs

#### **GUIDED CLOSING PRAYER:**

Jesus, we ask for you to reveal the hypocrisy that is in our life. Search our motives, preferences, & actions and bring anything that is out of alignment into alignment with You.

Amen.