

***Laodicea: The Apathetic Church***  
***Revelation 3:14-22***

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ “321 Restore” is an effort to have each of us engage with the Mission of our church at the most elemental level. We PRAY for “3” people in Brevard County with whom we interact on a regular basis and want to see Jesus do a work of redemption and restoration in their lives. We pray that of those three people, God will provide opportunities for us to BEFRIEND and deepen our relationship with at least “2” of them. And of those two, we are asking God to give us the opportunity to tangibly INVITE “1” of them into a relationship with Jesus.
  - Of those three steps--- Pray, Befriend, Invite--- which one is most intimidating to you?
  - Do you have 3 people in your life in right now with whom you interact with on a regular basis for whom you are praying? Share those people with your group. If you don’t have 3, then begin to ask God to bring more people into your life who need Christ.

**Digging Deeper**

- ❖ **Read Rev. 3:14-22** and discuss and answer the following:
  - In our western mindset, “hot and cold” denotes spiritual vitality but Jerry pointed out that Jesus never wishes His followers to be spiritually “cold”. Rather Jesus was speaking to their effectiveness and usefulness to the Kingdom or lack thereof.
    - What do you see as the basic reason for their ineffectiveness?
    - In your own life have you see things (e.g., attitudes, actions, habits, grace disciplines, etc.) that encourage or hinder your effectiveness for the Kingdom? What are they?
    - Do you agree that material prosperity can encourage a spirit of self-sufficiency within us and result in growing disconnected from Jesus and every increasing Kingdom apathy?
    - How do we combat self-sufficiency in our lives?
- ❖ In Col. 4:16 Paul instructs the Colossian church to share his letter to them with the church at Laodicea? Presumably some of the same heresies and doctrinal issues were plaguing both churches. **Read Col. 1:15-20** and discuss the heresy that had entered into these churches.

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**Think About It**

Regarding the letter to the church at Laodicea, John R.W. Stott has written: “Perhaps none of the seven letters is more appropriate to the twentieth century church than this. It describes vividly the respectable, sentimental, nominal, skin-deep religiosity which is so widespread among us today. Our Christianity is flabby and anemic. We appear to have taken a lukewarm bath of religion” (*What Christ Thinks of the Church* [Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1980], 116, quoted in *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Revelation 1-11* [Chicago: Moody Press, 1999], 137). The church at Laodicea was composed of religious hypocrites. They claimed to know the Lord but in reality were only playing religious games. How can you be sure that you are not a Laodicean Christian?<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> MacArthur, J. (2001). *Revelation: The Christian's Ultimate Victory* (pp. 29–30). Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group.

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

September 29-30, 2018 | 19th Weekend After Pentecost

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### WORSHIP SONGS

#### SHOUT HOSANNA

**Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Brett Younker, Kristian Stanfill, and Ed Cash, 2015**

To the King of glory and light, all praises; to the only Giver of life,  
our Maker, the gates are opened wide; we worship You.  
Come see what love has done, amazing; He bought us with His blood,  
our Savior; the cross has overcome; we worship You.

*Shout Hosanna, Jesus, He saves. Shout Hosanna,  
He rose from the grave; come and lift Him up, Hosanna.*

Now let the lost be found, forgiven; death could not hold Him down,  
He's risen. So let the saints cry out; we worship You, we worship You.

The same power that rolled the stone away, the same power alive in  
us today; King Jesus, we call upon Your Name, no other name.

#### ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS NAME (WE CROWN YOU)

**Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793  
Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

*We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.  
We crown you, we crown you Lord of all.*

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

#### 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

**Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman, 2011**

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;  
it's time to sing your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me;  
let me be singing when the evening comes.

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger;  
your name is great and your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing;  
the end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

#### KING OF MY HEART

**Words and Music by John Mark McMillan and Sarah McMillan, 2015**

Let the King of my heart be mountain where I run,  
the fountain I drink from; oh, He is my song.  
Let the King of my heart be the shadow where I hide,  
the ransom for my life; oh, He is my song.

*You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.  
You are good, good, oh. You are good, good, oh.*

Let the King of my heart be the wind inside my sails,  
the anchor in the waves; oh, He is my song.  
Let the King of my heart be the fire inside my veins,  
the echo of my days; oh, He is my song.

You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.  
You're never gonna let, never gonna let me down.

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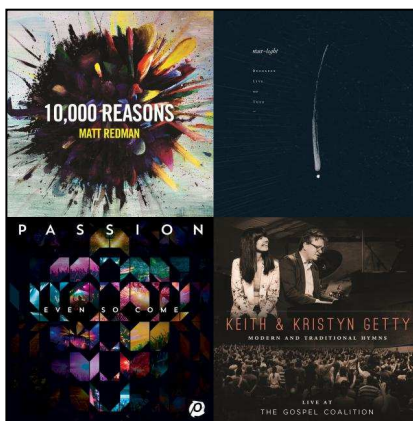
### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 108; Hosea 1:1-2:1; James 3:1-13; Matt. 13:44-52  
MONDAY | Ps. 9; Hosea 2:2-15; Acts 20:17-38; Luke 5:1-11  
TUESDAY | Ps. 12; Hosea 2:16-23; Acts 21:1-14; Luke 5:12-26  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 134; Hosea 3:1-5; Acts 21:15-26; Luke 5:27-39  
THURSDAY | Ps. 26; Hosea 4:1-10; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11  
FRIDAY | Ps. 40; Hosea 4:11-19; Acts 21:37-22:16; Luke 6:12-26  
SATURDAY | Ps. 149; Hosea 5:1-7; Acts 22:17-29; Luke 6:27-38

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Raise us up, O Lord,  
for it is you who restores life and health  
to the suffering and to those  
who wander from the truth.  
By your grace, may we offer  
powerful and effective prayers  
for one another and the world,  
In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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