

WWJ U: Indifference

Revelation 3.15-20

Key Points:

- Jesus would undo spiritual indifference, which didn't just break his heart, he lukewarm water that's neither hot nor cold, made him want to vomit (v.16). Jesus identifies the causes as **self sufficiency** (v.17) and the **distractions of this world** (Mark 4.19).
- Five signs we're living with indifference: 1. We're more concerned with impressing people than God. 2. We're obsessed with life on earth, rather than eternity in heaven. 3. We rationalise sin. 4. We believe in Jesus but rarely share our faith. 5. We only turn to God when we need Him.
- Jesus wants us to turn from our indifference (v.19). One way to tackle indifference in our lives is to **commit to do something every day that requires faith**, where we need the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit to get you through it. Maybe it's courage to stand up to someone, or generosity to give someone a gift, or vulnerability to apologise to someone, or strength to forgive someone etc. It's living by faith that opens the door to Jesus again (v.20)

Questions:

Conversation Starter - Get the group involved with a question everyone can answer

1. Talk about a time you were criticised. How did it feel?
2. Did you grow up in a more critical or encouraging home atmosphere?

Start thinking - Get the group thinking around the subject,

3. Which cause of indifference do you most easily identify with—the illusion of self-sufficiency or the distractions of this world?
4. Read Mark 4:19. What stands out to you from this list? How do these things “choke the word”?

Start sharing - Choose questions to create openness

5. Which of the five 'signs we're living with indifference' do you struggle with most?
6. Read Revelation 3:19. How do you feel when you read this? Is there anything you need to turn from?
7. Read Revelation 3:20. What would it look like for you to open the door to God in an area where you're mostly indifferent?

Start praying - Be bold and pray with power.

8. God, after what You've done for us, we have no reason to live with indifference in our lives. Jesus, will You show us what You want to undo in our lives? Holy Spirit, please give us the strength to wake up every day in full reliance on You. Amen!

Start doing - draw out some steps to do (either in the meeting or this week)

9. What is something you can do tomorrow that will require faith?
10. What will you do every day this week to destroy indifference in your life?