

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

- FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS**
- What kind of letter do you think Jesus might have for our church?

- How do you think the churches felt reading the warnings?
- How do you think they felt reading the encouragements?

Letters to the Seven Churches

Revelation 2-3

STORY POINT: JESUS TOLD CHURCHES TO NOT GIVE UP.

The apostle John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision of Jesus. Jesus told John to write down a message for seven churches. So that is what John did. "To the church in Ephesus: You do not love well like you did when you first believed. Turn back and love like you used to.

"To the church in Smyrna: You are poor and are suffering, but really you are rich!

"To the church in Pergamum: You are faithful to Me, and you tell others about Me even when it is hard. But not everyone in the church is doing the right thing. Turn away from your sin and turn back to Me!

"To the church in Thyatira: I know about your love, faithfulness, and service. Keep believing the truth until I come.

"To the church in Sardis: People think you are alive, but you are actually dead. Turn from your sin and remember the gospel.

"To the church in Philadelphia: You have little power, but you listen to Me and obey My word. I am coming soon. Be ready and keep believing.

"To the church in Laodicea: You are lukewarm—not hot or cold, so you are not good for anything. I will spit you out!"

Jesus said, "See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me." Jesus will reward every faithful and obedient believer.



Christ Connection: Jesus loves the church. His message to seven local churches called them to turn away from their sin and remain faithful to Him. We can learn from those churches. Through the church, Jesus helps believers work together to do God's plan.

Truth Tiles | Fit the shapes into the grid to discover a special message.

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Seven Letters to Seven Churches |

Match each message with the church that received it. Find and read the passages to check your answers.

To: Philadelphia

To: Laodicea

To: Sardis

To: Ephesus

To: Pergamum

To: Thyatira

To: Smyrna

Really, you are rich! (Revelation 2:8-9)

Love like you used to. (Revelation 2:1-5)

Some people are living like those who do not believe. (Revelation 2:12-17)

There is a wicked woman who teaches things that are not true (Revelation 2:18-20)

People think you are alive, but you are actually dead. (Revelation 3:1)

You have little power, but you listen to Me and obey My word. (Revelation 3:7-10)

You are lukewarm. I will spit you out of My mouth! (Revelation 3:14-16)

Church Crossroads

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the map and the provided letters to fill in the names of all seven churches Jesus had messages for.

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Pergamon
Thyatira
Smyrna
Sardis
Philadelphia
Laodicea
Ephesus

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Unit 36 • Session 2

Letters to the Seven Churches

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- In John's vision, Jesus told him to write letters to seven churches.
- The letters contained warnings and encouragements.
- Jesus wanted all the believers to love and obey Him.
- Jesus told churches to not give up.

KEY PASSAGE: Revelation 11:15

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What is the hope of the church? The church looks forward to Jesus' return when He will make all things new.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What kind of letter do you think Jesus might have for our church?
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FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Work with your church's missions programs or a local missions agency to research a church that needs encouragement. Write encouraging letters to the believers at that church.



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Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Ephesus

Philadelphia

Patmos

Laodicea