

Dear Future Church - Sardis

Scripture & Background Info for the week of March 9th.

To prepare for your group discussion each week, group members should use the **Community Group Discussion Guide** to complete the **GOD'S WORDS** and **MY WORDS** columns using the scripture below.

Revelation 3:1-6 Context

In an era where image and perception often weigh more than substance and reality, it's easy to fall into the trap of caring more for our external reputation than our internal spiritual condition.

In this context, the letter to the Church of Sardis emerges not only as a reminder but as an urgent challenge. This congregation, once flourishing and now warned for having neglected its spiritual essence, reflects a contemporary problem: the ease with which we veer towards complacency, forgetting that true life in Christ requires constant vigilance, spiritual renewal, and authenticity.

Summary of the Message to Sardis

Jesus Christ sent this letter to commend the few faithful Christians in Sardis for their good deeds and to challenge the negligent majority to remember what they knew and to obey Him. (Constable)

Questions for Discussion

- What are some key characteristics of the church in Sardis as described in Revelation 3:1-6?
- How does the message to the church in Sardis compare to the messages to the other churches in Revelation 2-3?
- What lessons can we learn from the message to the church in Sardis in terms of maintaining spiritual vitality and faithful obedience to God?
- How can we apply the principles of repentance and obedience as outlined in Revelation 3:3 to our own lives and growth in faith?