



Ancient Evangelism Now

The purpose of this module is:

To view your congregation from God's perspective in order to make the appropriate changes that would please Him.

The objectives are to:

- Identify congregational strengths and affirm God's ministry among us;
- Admit to weaknesses preventing God freedom to use His people for outreach;
- Ask God to refresh our people by His Spirit and to pursue God's mission for our congregation.

1. The seven churches in Revelation 2-3 needed _____.
2. God knows these churches and _____ they must make some changes.
3. A _____ appears in these two chapters that God uses to bring renewal:
 - a. Commendation—God _____ the strengths of the congregation.
 - b. Correction—God _____ the changes needed.
 - c. Challenge—God _____ the churches' attention to what they must do.

Examine:

- A. Revelation 3:14-22- Jesus _____ Himself as the Amen—the One who tells the truth.
 1. He is a _____ and true witness.
 2. He is also the _____ of God's creation.
- B. When Jesus _____ the church at Laodicea, He omits any words of commendation.
 1. No mention is made of heretical influence.
 2. The _____ problem is far more serious than correct thinking.
- C. The Laodicean church (15-16) includes spiritual _____; neither hot nor cold.
 1. Jesus _____ them saying, "I am about to spit you out of my mouth" (17).
 2. The church's attitude is _____, "I am rich and do not need anything."
 3. Jesus says, "But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked."
 4. Because Jesus loves them He _____ them (19).
 5. He _____ for them to repent (19).
 6. He _____ them into fellowship (20).

7. He _____ victorious people the right to sit with Him on His throne (21).

8. Then Jesus _____ the congregation listen to the Spirit (22).

Small Group Discussion

Discuss the following questions in your small group.

1. What strengths present in the churches of Revelation are active in your congregation?
2. What concerns can you identify in your church?
3. For what would God ask you to repent?
4. How does a congregation repent?
5. For what promises of God to the Revelation churches would you pray?
6. How does a congregation listen to the Spirit

Action Planning/Reporting

1. Conduct an eight week course on the seven churches. (A free curriculum resource can be found at <http://usacanadaregion.org/renewal-articles>.)
2. Take identified concerns in your local congregation to the church board.
3. Ask the leadership team to prayerfully consider what to do to improve your church.
4. Invite people to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church.