



# 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.