



## Harvester Groups *Seven Churches - Sardis* | Group Questions for Week Five

### Open

- If you asked a trusted friend or family member this question: "Tell me all the ways that I look like a hypocrite? In essence, where am I asleep in my spiritual life?" What would they say?

### Discuss\*

- In what areas of your own spiritual life do you feel somewhat "impregnable"?
- In what areas do you know you must keep a vigilant and alert watch over?
- Jesus tells the Church in Sardis that they have a reputation of "being alive" but that they are dead. In what ways does the reputation of today's Church align with what it really is? In what ways does it not?
- Does your reputation align with who you really are?
- Jesus says there are a "few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments." How can you, as group a of connected believers, help keep each from "soiling your garments"?

### Reflect

- How does Ephesians 5:13-14 instruct us to deal with the inner things that don't align with who we are called to be in Christ?
- Discuss the quote by Dallas Willard below. What does it mean to be a saint who "ravenously feeds on grace" (Terry's words) in your daily life?
- Read 1 Timothy 1:5. What does Paul write is the goal of instruction in Godliness and Christlikeness? How can this become your goal? (Hint: Find a way to use the word "transformation" as much as possible in your discussion!)
- Read Romans 8:34. Silently ask Jesus to align **your** prayers for you with **His** prayers for you.
- Together pray the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13). Ask God to have His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven **in you first**, to make you a bearer of His Kingdom in all you do and everywhere you go. This is how revival begins, in individual believers.

### Digging Deeper

*Life Without Lack*, Dallas Willard

*Eternity is Now in Session*, John Ortberg

*Seeking the Kingdom*, Richard Foster

*Knowing God*, J.I. Packer

*"The sinner is not the one who uses a lot of grace; the saint uses more grace. The saint burns grace like a 747 burns fuel on takeoff, because everything they do is a manifestation of grace."*

~ Dallas Willard

*\*Use these questions to guide your discussion. Don't feel like you have to go through all of them and make sure you take time to talk through any questions and observations from either the sermon or the lesson with the group.*