

JESUS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH

Urgency
Message 5
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Outline

▶ *“Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. . . .”*
Revelation 3:2a (NLT)

A. Introduction
(Revelation 3:1)

B. Commends...
(Revelation 3:4-5)

C. Confronts...

1. Lack of _____.
(Revelation 3:1-3)

2. Surrounded by _____.

3. Spiritual _____.
(Joshua 24:14-15; Luke 15:11-32)

Answers: C. 1. urgency 2. transformation 3. drowsiness

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► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit brookwoodchurch.org/adults.

Conversation Starter

Where do you feel the greatest sense of urgency in your life?

Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer, leaving time for God to speak to you. Ask for Him to reveal His truth to you as you study.

Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read Revelation 3:1-6

1. Jesus calls the church at Sardis dead. What are ways a church can become dead?
2. The church in Sardis had a reputation for being vibrant, but it wasn't. Describe a situation when you realized a person (organization, job, place) didn't live up to their reputation.
3. Jesus tells the church to *Wake up!* Describe a time when you had a wake-up call from God.
4. It's easy to be comfortable and not feel a sense of urgency in our faith. Describe a time when you felt this way. What would it look like to live with urgency as a follower of Christ?
5. One of the ways the devil works is to make us apathetic in our faith. What rhythms or habits do you have to stay strong in your faith? What's one thing you can add this week to grow in your walk with Jesus?
6. Pause right now and ask God the following question. **God, what are You calling me to be urgent about this week?** Spend time in silence listening for His response.
7. What's holding you back from a deeper relationship with Jesus? How can removing obstacles help you share your faith with others?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

8. How does the writer of Hebrews describe a relationship with Jesus and what directions does he give?
9. In what ways can we motivate each other to show the love of Jesus to the world?
10. How does togetherness in each of these ways strengthen you and enliven the church? Where do you need to grow in these areas?
 - Worship
 - Community Groups
 - Serving

Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day this week reading the Daily Devotional. If you do not have a Daily Devotional book, you can pick one up at the Information Desk or the Reception Desk or view it on the Brookwood Church app.

Memory Verse

"Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of My God."

Revelation 3:2 (NLT)

Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Matthew 5:29-30 | Day 5: Deuteronomy 6:6-7 |
| Day 2: 1 Peter 4:7 | Day 6: Hebrews 3:7-8 |
| Day 3: Romans 9:2-3 | Day 7: Revelation 12:11 |
| Day 4: Matthew 5:23-24 | |

Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 17, we'll continue our series *Jesus at the Center of the Church*. Prepare by reading **Revelation 3:7-13**.

