

Senior Pastor Ron Holton | RPC Central Campus
Sunday, August 30 | Revelation 3a | Revelation 3:1-13
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Have members of your small group read the passage above aloud before beginning the discussion.

Icebreaker: Share something you have learned from reading Revelation &/or this sermon series so far?

1. What do you learn about the character and nature of God from this passage & sermon?
2. Compare and contrast the two churches. What do these churches teach us about the difference between reputation, activity, and abundant life in Christ?
3. Jesus tells the church in Sardis, "You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead." What are some warning signs that we may be drifting toward "maintenance or monument" faith?
4. Jesus tells Sardis to "Wake up," "strengthen what remains," "remember," "keep it," and "repent" (vv. 2-3). Why do you think Jesus gives them several specific actions rather than simply telling them to "try harder"? Which of these words stands out to you most, and why?
5. Philadelphia had "little power," yet Jesus commended them for faithfulness in keeping His word and not denying His name (v. 8). What does this teach us about how Jesus measures faithfulness? How might this challenge the way we measure success in our own lives, families, or churches?
6. Ron described four stages of a church: Mission, Ministry, Maintenance, and Monument. How do we keep ourselves and our small group centered on the mission of loving God and making disciples of every nation?

For application and next steps:

1. **Pray** – pray for God's provision, protection and wisdom for our mission partners serving in Nepal, (The Ackermans and the Butlers), their families and communities as they navigate life after devastating floods.
2. **Celebrate** - Reach Out's 50th [Anniversary Celebration](#) and discover what going on Mission in your small group could look like this year! **Date:** Saturday, September 19. **Time:** 5p Meet and Greet, 6p Banquet Dinner **Location:** RockPointe Church Central Campus, Worship Center
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3. **Invite** - Who is one person, new neighbor, widow/widower, college student or senior saint you know that is in need of community? What would opening your door to them look like this fall? Perhaps invite them to join you and hear what God is doing at the Reach Out event listed above!
4. **Read Revelation 3 every day this week** and ask the Lord to open your eyes and ears to see and hear what He is saying to you in this season.