

The image features a dark, textured background with a large, stylized red Roman numeral 'VIII' centered vertically. A white horizontal band with a slightly distressed texture runs across the middle of the image, containing the text 'LETTERS TO THE CHURCH' in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The overall aesthetic is gritty and industrial.

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LETTERS TO THE CHURCH

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19, 2025

Letters to the Church: Letter Number 7 - Philadelphia (Rev 3:14-22)

SPEAKER: PASTOR STEPHANIE BURNETTE

ICEBREAKER

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER
REFRESHING OR COZY WINTER DRINK?



BE FAITHFUL AND USEFUL! V.14-16

- In this section of scripture most people think that being “hot” is good and being “cold” is bad. Pastor Stephanie pointed out that both HOT and COLD were good but lukewarm was bad. How has this perspective changed your view of this scripture?
- Discuss a time that you found yourself being Lukewarm. How did you get to a place of being lukewarm? (busyness, offense, hurt, grief, sin etc.) How did you get back to being HOT + COLD (being useful)?
- Pastor Stephanie talked about lukewarm being a version of cheap grace. (Salvation w/o repentance, Faith w/o works etc). Do you expect cheap Grace, or do you stoke the fire to keep your faith alive? How do you do that?

DEPEND ON JESUS FOR EVERYTHING. V.17-18

- In this section of scripture Jesus is calling out the church for being prideful and depending on their own ability to provide for themselves. In American culture we take pride in our own hardwork. Pastor Stephanie said that self-reliance is a form of pride. How does your pride and self reliance affect your reliance on the Lord?
- How have you allowed the blessings in your life to distract you from the very God that gave them to you?

KNOCK, KNOCK. WHO'S THERE? V.19-22

- Pastor Stephanie listed 3 ways to be zealous 1) Read your Bible everyday 2) Pray everyday 3) Be at Church. What practical steps can you take to improve or prioritize these areas of your life?
- When we are called to repentance, it's a call BACK to Jesus. 1) Repent from drift and lukewarmness 2) Repent from SIN. It's a call to open the doors of your heart and allow Him in. What areas of your life have you not fully allowed Jesus to enter?



ENCOURAGE

The door to the human heart is something only we can open. Jesus is a gentleman and will stand outside and wait, but YOU have the power to let Him in. Whether the door stays open or closed is up to YOU. The Lord loves us and wants to make His home in our heart. He wants to be our Lord, Savior, and King. All you need to do is open the door.

ASK



Jesus is saying, “Can I come in? To every part of your life? To every room in your heart?...” He wants to access to every part. Who you’re dating, what shows you watch, what you do with money, your marriage, your life! If you’ve been lukewarm, invite Him into your heart today, now, right this very second. Jesus is the only solution to a lukewarm life.

CHALLENGE



Acknowledge that you have been lukewarm in serving the Lord and start to change that today! Spend time with God each day this week and ask that He would reveal to you any area that you haven’t let Him in. Listen to the Holy Spirit and pray that God would convict your heart of any unrepentant sin. Then, repent, turn away from sin, and turn toward God.

PRAYER

Lord, I pray that your Holy Spirit would come into me this week and that I would be even more zealous for Jesus. Heavenly Father, help me to take the next step, say no to sin, be with other believers in small groups with consistency. Help me to be a faithful and useful Christian, and ignite my passion for Jesus! Lord, I repent of sin. Help me to say no to my flesh. For all of this cannot be done in my own strength, but it CAN in yours. In Jesus holy and precious name I pray, AMEN!