



INTENT MESSAGING SERIES

Part Seven: "Jesus is Intent on a Truth-Filled Church"

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Text: Revelation 3:14-22

LAODICEA: THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL OF \_\_\_\_\_

The church at Laodicea had three problems that spiraled into a pattern of denial:

1. They lived in a prosperous, \_\_\_\_\_ city.

2. They were spiritually \_\_\_\_\_.

Say to Archippus, "Take heed to the ministry which you have received...that you may fulfill it."  
Colossians 4:17 (NKJV)

3. They wouldn't face the \_\_\_\_\_ about themselves.

"Your ears are open but you don't hear a thing. Your eyes are awake but you don't see a thing... They screw their eyes shut so they won't have to look, so they won't have to deal with me face-to-face and let me heal them." Matthew 13:15 (MSG)

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."  
John 8:32 (NIV)

"If you harbor bitter envy...in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth." James 3:14 (NIV)

"Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart." Psalm 51:6 (ESV)

"Truth" (Cont'd)

REVERSING DENIAL WITH THE \_\_\_\_\_

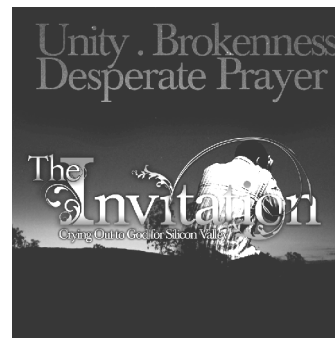
"I am the one called Amen! I am the faithful and true witness..."  
Revelation 3:14 (CEV)

1. Buy in to the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18)
2. Get serious about \_\_\_\_\_ (v.19)
3. Open the door to \_\_\_\_\_ (v.20)

FATHER GOD, I thank you for sending your Son to be the Truth that sets me free. Today I embrace the call to meet Him face to face. Forgive me for the times I've resisted Truth, and heal me as I become a fully devoted follower of Jesus. In His Name, AMEN

RESOURCES FOR THIS WEEK'S SMALL GROUPS

- Icebreaker: Take turns sharing your biggest blind spot as a person.
- Scripture Focus: Let each member share a verse from this teaching--one that spoke to them personally. How does it speak to them?
- Discussion Focus: How do we live a more truth-filled life this week?
- Prayer Focus: Pray for each person to grow in truth in 2009.
- REMEMBER to give an offering for the needy in your group this week, for God has promised us a rich reward (Det. 15:11, Psalm 41:1)



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Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.  
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