



## **SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION**

- I know your works. You have a reputation for being alive, but you are dead. (Revelation 3:1)
- Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete in the sight of my God. (Revelation 3:2)
- Remember, then, what you received and heard. Keep it, and repent. If you will not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come against you. (Revelation 3:3)

### **READ VERSE 1 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

1. Jesus states that the church in Sardis had a reputation for being alive, but, in reality, they were dead. What are some marks or signs of a dead church that might seem alive?
2. How might Sardis' problem relate to Matthew 7:21-23

### **READ VERSES 2-3 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

3. Christ urges those in Sardis to wake up and strengthen what remains and is about to die. In what ways might a dead church wake up and strengthen itself?
4. What specific actions does Jesus desire the church of Sardis to take?

### **READ VERSES 4-5 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING**

5. The only good news given to Sardis is that there are still some in the church with unstained garments. Who is Jesus referring to, and what is the significance of saying that their garments are unsoiled?

## **ACTIONS TO CONSIDER**

- Consider if Jesus' message to Sardis applies to you. Do you have a reputation for being alive while actually being dead? Are you like the people in Matthew 7:21-23? If so, wake up, remember the gospel, and repent.
- Pray specifically for Western Meadows and other churches in our community that we would never be dead like the church of Sardis.