

**Dear Sardis:**  
**The Comfortable Church**  
**Revelation 3:1-6**  
**November 24, 2024**



***Introduction:***

- **Welcome and Prayer:** Begin with a brief prayer asking for guidance in understanding and applying the scripture.

***Scripture Reading:***

- **Read Aloud:** Have someone read Revelation 3:1-6.

***Discussion Questions:***

**1. Understanding the Context**

- What do we know about the historical context of the church in Sardis?
- Why might Sardis have been described as having a reputation of being alive but actually being dead?

**2. The Message to Sardis**

- What specific criticisms does Jesus give to the church in Sardis?
- Discuss the metaphor of being "alive" versus "dead" in a spiritual sense. How can a church or individual appear alive but be spiritually dead?

**3. The Call to Wake Up**

- Jesus instructs them to "Wake up!" What does this mean in the context of Sardis? How can we apply this call to wake up in our own lives or church today? What signs might indicate that we need to wake up?

**4. Spiritual Vigilance**

- What does it mean to strengthen what remains and is about to die? How can we ensure that we are spiritually vigilant?

**5. Remembering and Repenting**

- Jesus tells them to remember what they have received and heard. What do you think this refers to? What steps can someone take to repent and return to spiritual health?

**6. Personal Reflection**

- Can you think of a time in your life when you felt spiritually asleep? What helped you to wake up? What are practical ways we can keep our spiritual lives vibrant and active?

***Closing:***

- **Prayer:** Pray for the group's spiritual awakening and vigilance. Ask for God's guidance through the Holy Spirit to live out a commitment to vigilant and active faith.