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The Problem was a Spiritual Problem:

They were lukewarm.

They were not distinct from the culture around them.

They had a false view of themselves.

The Solution Jesus Offers:

Buy _____ for their spiritual _____.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What does it mean to be “lukewarm” in a spiritual sense? How do you think this applied to the church in Laodicea? How does it apply to Christians today?
2. The Laodiceans believed they were “rich and in need of nothing.” How might material wealth or self-sufficiency create a false sense of security in our spiritual lives? What do you tend to lean on instead of Jesus?
3. Examine the concept of spiritual poverty and the refined gold that Jesus offers. How can you see this in your own life? What do you need to do? Consider Isaiah 55:1-3 in connection to this.
4. Reflect on the concept of spiritual nakedness and the white garments that Jesus offers. How can you see this in your own life? What do you need to do? Reflect on Isaiah 1:18.
5. Think about the concept of spiritual blindness and the eye salve that Jesus offers. How can you see this in your own life? What do you need to do? Read the account of the blind man in John 9.
6. In verse 19, Jesus calls the Laodiceans to “be zealous and repent.” How do repentance and zeal work together in our spiritual lives, and what does genuine zeal for God look like after repentance?
7. Jesus promises both intimate fellowship with him, and the opportunity to reign with him forever (verses 20-21). What is the significance of each, and how can we live in this manner?
8. Reflect on verse 22: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” How can we be more attentive to the voice of the Spirit in our personal and collective walk with Christ?