



# Trust Issues - Week 2

## Message Discussion Questions

### Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series we're calling Trust Issues. Do you have trust issues? How would you know, what does it look like when you don't really trust God?

For Part 2 we're looking at what Jesus said to the church at Laodicea about their Trust Issues and the danger of being lukewarm in their faith. How do you feel about 'throwing up', and what does that have to do with your faith? Does your lukewarm faith demonstrate that you have Trust Issues?

### Questions:

1. How do you feel about the term 'lukewarm', does it sound good or bad? How are you living from one moment to the next? Does your life show that your faith is neither hot or cold? Why would Jesus prefer you to be either hot or cold vs lukewarm? Isaiah 29:13; Revelation 3:15-16
2. Are you a lukewarm Christian? Why is the Greek word "Emeo" an appropriate way to describe how Jesus feels about lukewarm Christians? After all that Jesus has done for you, do you think Jesus would be satisfied with your schedule and the way that you are living your life? Revelation 3:16
3. What does the Bible say it means to be a follower of Jesus? Have you died to self? Do you live completely for Jesus in every aspect of your life? Does it seem like a true follower of Jesus could be lukewarm?
4. When it comes to faith in Jesus, what's wrong with being lukewarm? Why is being a lukewarm Christian an oxymoron? What are some of the qualities associated with being a lukewarm Christian? Are any of those familiar to you?

5. Does your life look like the church of Laodicea? Would you describe yourself as 'filthy rich'? How about being 'desperately needy'? Would you say that you have been deceived into believing you don't need God in your life? Revelation 3:17
6. Why might Jesus be 'standing at the door of your heart and knocking' if you are already a Christian? Do you live as if He doesn't exist? Do you live as if you don't need anything? Does your life look like the world around you? As a Christian do you live like you trust God? Revelation 3:20
7. Would you say that you really know who Jesus is? Who is He really to you, who would you say that He is? If you know Him as He really is, can you be lukewarm or half-hearted? How would living like you truly know Him change everything in your life?

**Key Takeaway:** *We have Trust Issues. It's time to get serious about your God. He's at the door and He's knocking, and if you'll turn to Him, He'll take control of your life and He'll transform you.*

### **Summary:**

- Lukewarm = neither hot or cold
- Emeo = spit out/spew out/vomit
- Follower of Jesus = died to self, lives completely for Jesus
- Lukewarm Christians:
  - Desire acceptance from people more than from God
  - Rarely share their faith with other people
  - Do whatever it takes to alleviate guilt
  - Think more about life on earth than eternity
  - Gauge morality by comparing themselves to others
  - Only give when it doesn't hinder their standard of living
  - Only turn to God when they need something
  - Want to be saved without changing their lifestyle
  - Not much different from the rest of the world
- Filthy rich but desperately needy
- Opening the door to your life, even as a Christian
- Who is Jesus? King of kings, Lord of lords, Lion and Lamb