

**A People Pleasing to God:  
The Church at Sardis: Revelation 3:1-6  
Life Group Questions 19/02/23**

## **Introduction**

1. Have you ever had an appraisal or a review or some sort of personal report? How did you feel about it?

What follows is Jesus' appraisal of the church at Sardis. It makes for challenging reading!

## **Read Revelation 3:1-6**

2. The church at Sardis had a reputation for being alive v1b. What do you think that meant in practice?
3. Discuss what kind of reputation we think SBC has had over the decades. Has it changed in any way?
4. Jesus' appraisal of the church at Sardis is that it is dead v1b What do you think he mean by that?
5. How does Jesus rebuke them - what does he say? v2-3a
6. How can we build the practice of remembering, holding fast and repenting into our lives?
7. How does Jesus warn them - what does he say? v3b

8. What light, if any, do Jesus' words in Matthew 24:36-44 and 25:1-13 shed on his words here?
9. Discuss whether Jesus is referring to his Second Coming or his coming to this particular church, or both in v3b
10. We finally come to something positive! Jesus commends a few people at Sardis who "have not soiled their clothes". What do you think this means? v4a
11. What promises does Jesus give? v4b-5
12. How can we be victorious? v5a

### **Reflection and prayer**

13. What might Jesus be saying to us as a church and/or as individuals through this very challenging passage?