

# Lesson 1: Reality Check

## A. The need for self-examination

1. What appeal did the Apostle Paul make to Christians in Corinth? 2 Corinthians 13:5
2. Why is that appeal so relevant for our lives today?
3. What prayer of the Psalmist David might be helpful as we seek to assess our spiritual condition? Psalm 139:23-24
4. Share a time when you realized your great need for a closer relationship with God. How did you become aware of your great need?

## B. Counsel to lukewarm Christians

1. Revelation 3:14-17 Why is this counsel of the Faithful and True Witness to Christians in Laodicea so relevant for our lives today?
2. What portion of this counsel impacts you the most?
3. What advice does Jesus offer to us? Revelation 3:18-19
4. Where do you see the love of God revealed in this message to lukewarm Christians?
5. What is your response to the invitation of Jesus recorded in Revelation 3:20?
6. How do we open the door of our lives to experience a more intimate relationship with Jesus?

## C. The LORD God desires an intimate relationship with us

1. Genesis 2:7 How does the creation account illustrate our Creator's desire for an intimate relationship with us?
2. Genesis 3:1-9 How did the entrance of sin affect God's desire for an intimate relationship with our first parents?
3. Genesis 5:21-24 How can we experience the level of intimacy with God that Enoch experienced?
4. What revelations given to the prophets confirm the LORD's desire to experience an intimate relationship with us? Exodus 25:8, Jeremiah 31:3, Zephaniah 3:17, etc.
5. Where do you find the greatest revelation of God's desire for an intimate relationship with us? John 1:1-4, 14:16, 14:23, etc.
6. What stories in the life of Jesus illustrate God's desire for an intimate relationship with us?
7. How does the teaching of Jesus in John 15:1-11 illustrate God's desire for an intimate relationship with us?
8. How does the Holy Spirit help us as we seek a more intimate relationship with God? John 14:16-18, 15:26, 16:7,8,13, Romans 8:26, etc.
9. What is your response to the LORD's invitation to experience a more intimate relationship with Him?