

## I Believe in God, But I Don't Want To Go Overboard — Week 2

- Describe someone you know who is truly passionate about something in their life. How has that passion shaped the way they live their life?

*The Lord says: "These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.*

**Isaiah 29:13 (NIV)**

- Do you feel you are more passionate about Christ this year than last year? Why or why not?

*To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm- neither hot nor cold- I am about to spit you out of my mouth.*

**Revelation 3:14-16 (NIV)**

### 10 characteristics of a lukewarm Christian:

1. **Crave acceptance from people more than acceptance from God.**
  2. **Rarely discuss their relationship with Christ with others**
  3. **Do whatever it takes to alleviate their guilt**
- Why are we sometimes more passionate about our relationships with other people than we are about our relationship with God?

4. **Think more about life on earth than eternity in heaven**
  5. **Gauge their morality by comparing themselves to others**
  6. **Want to avoid the penalty of sin without changing their lives**
7. **Only turn to God when they are in a bind**
  8. **Give whenever it doesn't hinder their standard of living**
  9. **Are not much different from the rest of the world**
  10. **Want the benefits of what Christ did without conforming to who He is**

- What are some of the distractions in your life you feel are keeping you more focused on temporary life rather than on eternal life?
- In looking at this list of characteristics, are there any you can identify with? Why or why not?

*You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked... Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

**Revelation 3:17, 20 (NIV)**

- What are some specific things you can start doing today that will help deepen your passion for Christ?

**Final thought:** With your group and during your personal prayer time this week pray God will instill a deeper fire and passion for Him in your life.