

## SERMON STUDY QUESTIONS FOR JUNE 29, 2014

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**Sermon Series:** The Lion, The Lamb, Our Savior

**Sermon:** "Laodicia"

**Scripture:** Revelation 3:14-22

**Preaching:** Bob Hopper

1. What is the connection between the city of Laodicea's culture and experience (affluent, medical school, textile industry, etc.) and the rebuke that Jesus gives to this congregation? It is obvious that the secular culture had significantly influenced the church culture - how as our culture influenced Central Presbyterian Church?
2. What is the stated motive behind the rebuke?
3. What is our first, unguarded reaction to being rebuked by someone else, or by the Lord?
4. What was your first emotional reaction to the bogus oncologist story?
5. What is a "spiritual placebo"? Of the four "spiritual placebos" named, which one is the most tempting to you personally? How has this affected your own heart, your relationships, and your Christian witness?
6. What is the meaning of being "neither hot nor cold"?
7. Do you sense in any way that you have wondered from the purpose for which God called and saved you?
8. Do you sense in any way that we as a church have wondered from the purpose for which God has called and saved us?
9. What does Jesus offer to us after He lovingly rebukes us?
10. How does believing, living, and sharing the gospel with others speak to the danger of becoming lukewarm?