'...the false church is often the greatest persecution to the true church...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

How can we avoid being marked with a big reputation but no substance like the church in Sardis?

How can we remain on guard to ensure we are always filled with holy authentic confidence?

How can we strive to be marked by endurance whether in power and influence or trial and difficulty (like the church in Philadelphia)?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination, (12-15 mins)

Considering the reputations of the Church in Sardis and the Church in Philadelphia, and how God actually saw them;

What is your reputation? Would your reputation to others be similar to how God sees you?

What words would you honestly use to describe your faith life? Are they the words you would want your faith life to be described by?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the

What does God desire of us when His call is to 'WAKE UP'?

When you consider the crux of what the church has been given-HOPE; what are we (as a church) and you doing with that hope? What is God expecting a wakeful, enduring church to do with that hope?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other (9-12)

Will you endure, staying the course striving to be marked by fresh passionate authentic substance?

What will you do with the hope that is in you?