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BIG IDEA | The goal is REVIVAL, not survival.

Revelation 3:1-6 (NLT)

- ¹ "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Sardis. This is the message from the one who has the sevenfold Spirit of God and the seven stars:
- "I know all the things you do, and that you have a reputation for being alive—but you are dead.
- ² Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God. ³ Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. If you don't wake up, I will come to you suddenly, as unexpected as a thief.
- ⁴ "Yet there are some in the church in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes with evil. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵ All who are victorious will be clothed in white. I will never erase their names from the Book of Life, but I will announce before my Father and his angels that they are mine.
- ⁶ "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches."

How to avoid becoming a dead Christian:

Ignore your reputation.

Face your actual reality. Judges 16:20b (NLT)

²⁰ When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." But he didn't realize the LORD had left him.

Man - Movement - Machine - Monument

Experience your personal repentance.

GROUPS QUESTIONS

- 1. What stood out to you about this week's sermon?
- 2. Talk about a time when you focused so much on something you were losing that you were distracted from something you were gaining.
- 3. How does prosperity and wealth take us away from Christ's mission for us?
- 4. Why can we get so caught up in our reputation? How can our reputation get in the way of what God might be calling us to?
- 5. What would happen if we stopped caring so much about what people say or think about us and started to be bold about our faith in Jesus?
- 6. Read Revelation 3:2-3. Where has your faith become stagnant? What might you do to repent and turn back towards God?