We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just “go to church.” That is why today’s 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

**Suggested Resources**
Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

- Bruce Wilkinson & Kenneth Boa - *Talk Thru the Bible* ➔ this week’s “Pastor’s Pick”
- Gordon Fee & Douglas Stewart - *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*
- Logos Bible Software 7. Go to logos.com
- Phillip Yancey - *The Bible Jesus Read*
- Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary: New Testament Set
- Scot McKnight - *Blue Parakeet: Rethinking How You Read the Bible*
- Gordon Fee & Douglas Stewart - *How to Read the Bible Book by Book*
- William Klein, Craig Blomberg, & Robert Hubbard - *Introduction to Biblical Interpretation*
- Gleason Archer - *A Survey of Old Testament Introduction*
- Gary Meadors (ed.) - *Four Views on Moving Beyond the Bible to Theology*

**Suggested Bibles**
We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

- Quest Study Bible (NIV translation)
- Teen Study Bible
- Kids Quest Study Bible (NIRV translation)

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Hot... or Cold... But Not Lukewarm???
Dan Kopp (lead pastor - The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Key Passage:
“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 3:15-16 (NIV)

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it’s easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message “stick” we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: What is your favorite thing to eat that is best served cold? What is your favorite food that has to be piping hot for you? Do you like any food where lukewarm is the preferred temperature? Have fun with this question!

2. Is there anything you heard in this week’s sermon or experienced in this week’s service that was an “a ha” moment, something significant for you?

3. Sunday’s sermon focused on apathy as a barrier to Bible reading (a reminder that apathy means lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern). If you are honest, what are some things you would rather do than read the Bible?

4. When it comes to reading, studying, understanding, and applying the Bible, which word best describes your current spiritual temperature: hot, cold, or lukewarm? Explain.

5. Read Revelation 3:15-16. Prior to Sunday’s sermon, have you ever heard the language of being “lukewarm” when it comes to spiritual things (e.g., a lukewarm Christian, lukewarm faith, etc.)? If yes, what did you understand it to mean? How is your understanding different after hearing Sunday’s sermon?

6. Prior to Sunday’s sermon, have you ever thought about why Jesus said being “cold” was a preferred option to being “lukewarm” in Revelation 3:15-16? Explain.

7. In the Zondervan Illustrated Bible Backgrounds Commentary, it offers this insight into what Jesus meant in Revelation 3:15-16: “‘Lukewarm’ does not refer to believers who lack zeal or are half-hearted but rather to those whose works are barren and ineffective.” Keeping this explanation in mind, how “lukewarm” are you when it comes to putting into practice what you read in the Bible? (Bonus Question: if you were at church a couple Sundays ago, how are you doing at living out Philippians 2:14 where the Apostle Paul says to do EVERYTHING without grumbling or complaining?)

8. In Crazy Love Francis Chan writes, “We’ve conditioned ourselves to hear messages without responding. Sermons have become Christian entertainment. We go to church to hear a well-developed sermon and a convicting thought. We’ve trained ourselves to believe that if we’re convicted, our job is done. If you’re just hearing the Word and not actually doing something with it, you’re deceiving yourself.” Even though this quote is about hearing sermons, it could be applied to how we read the Bible. How close to home did Francis Chan’s words hit you?

9. One Action Step in Sunday’s sermon was to pray that God makes you as hungry for the Bible as you are for your favorite food.
   • What are some of your favorite things to eat?
   • How would your typical day look different if God answered that prayer?