Revelation Lesson 11 Handout

They had no outside pressures.

Without pressure forcing us to use our faith and grow up in our faith we seem to be dying a slow spiritual death.
Revelation 3:1
1“"To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars,
I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Steven Curtis Chapman \ Much Of You

How could I stand here
And watch the sun rise
Follow the mountains
Where they touch the sky
Ponder the vastness
And the depths of the sea
And think for a moment
The point of it all was to make much of me
Cause I'm just a whisper
And You are the thunder and

I want to make much of You, Jesus
I want to make much of Your love
I want to live today to give You the praise
That You alone are so worthy of
I want to make much of Your mercy
I want to make much of Your cross
I give You my life
Take it and let it be used
To make much of You

And how can I kneel here
And think of the cross
The thorns and the whip and the nails and the spear
The infinite cost
To purchase my pardon
And bear all my shame

To think I have anything worth boasting in except for Your name
Cause I am a sinner
And You are the Savior

This is Your love, oh God
Not to make much of me
But to send Your own son
So that we could make much of You

Matthew 13:24–30

24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.
25 But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away.
26 But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also.
27 The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’
28“And he said to them, ‘An enemy has done this!’ The slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?’
29“But he said, ‘No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them.
30‘Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Rev. 3:2 ‘Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God.'

What is wrong with my spiritual life?

Why do I go to church and feel nothing?

Why do I have no desire to read my Bible?
Why do I not care about the homeless?

Why do I not care if I am living a life worthy of honoring God in all I say and do?

Make sure you are a true Christian.

Strengthen what little is there.

Get a different Bible.

Find Christian friends.
So remember what you have received and heard; and keep it, and repent. Therefore, if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you.
"Remind Me Who I Am"

When I lose my way,
And I forget my name,
Remind me who I am.
In the mirror all I see,
Is who I don't wanna be,
Remind me who I am.
In the loneliest places,
When I can't remember what grace is.

Tell me once again who I am to You,
Who I am to You.
Tell me lest I forget who I am to You,
That I belong to You.
   To You.

When my heart is like a stone,
And I'm running far from home,
Remind me who I am.
When I can't receive Your love,
Afraid I'll never be enough,
Remind me who I am.
   If I'm Your beloved,
Can You help me believe it.

Tell me once again who I am to You,
Tell me lest I forget who I am to You.
That I belong to You.

"But you have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments; and they will walk with Me in white, for they are worthy."
5‘He who overcomes will thus be clothed in white garments; and I will not erase his name from the book of life, and I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.
6‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

I will not erase his name from the book of life,

Implies that is an option.

They turn this promise and make it a threat.

Exodus 32
30 On the next day Moses said to the people, “You yourselves have committed a great sin; and now I am going up to the LORD, perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”
31 Then Moses returned to the LORD, and said, “Alas, this people has committed a great sin, and they have made a god of gold for themselves.
But now, if You will, forgive their sin—and if not, please blot me out from Your book which You have written!"

The LORD said to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book.

Ephesians 1:4
just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Romans 8:29–30
For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

You can never be erased off that list - ever.

Their heart is beating.
They are breathing – air is coming in and air is going out.

Their brain still functions.

Does your spiritual heart beat for those who are lost?

Does your spiritual heart beat for the hurting and the needy?
Are you breathing in the Word of God?

Is your spiritual brain working and thinking and learning?