



To the Church in Philadelphia | Revelation  
3:7-13

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### Tips and Tricks:

The sermon notes are designed to be used as a guide for discussion. Don't feel like you have to use every question. Some questions will take a while to work through and others will be over in a few seconds.

Don't teach the lesson. The sermon was just preached. Just ask the questions and let everyone else talk.

Let other people ask questions. It's OK to go "off topic" for a while. Sometimes those conversations are more interesting anyway!

Have fun. Don't forget to laugh and crack up. Relationships, not curriculum, are the heartbeat of our ministry. Remember: We have to build a relational bridge strong enough to hold the truth!

### Agenda for Group Time

Ice Breaker - Lighthearted ice breaker question (10 minutes)

Discussion - Bible study, sharing and application. (25 Minutes)

Prayer - Pray together (5 minutes)

Planning - Remember to talk about what's coming up.

**Icebreaker** Have you ever been "locked out?" How did that go?

Read Revelation 3:7-13

The Key

Question: What is the power of this key?

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Follow up: What does it mean that Christ holds it?

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Question: Christ reminds us here that he orders all things for the good of His people. Where have you seen His providence in:

- Living situation?
- Schooling/work?
- Family?
- Friends?
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Follow up: God's providence can also be difficult to see in the moment. When were some times where things became more clear in hindsight? Are there things you're still struggling to understand?

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## The Door

What is a door? What does that represent for the church in Philadelphia?

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Question: How does Christ's promises affect your life when you consider:

- His power?
- His presence?
- His sufficiency?
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

In verse 9, Christ promises that even God's enemies will recognize His blessing on His people.

Question: Have you seen people outside of the faith recognize the power of God's presence? How has that affected you?

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Follow-up: Are there ways you have tried to show the power of God's presence to others? What has gone well? What could you do better?

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## The Pillar

Question: who are the enemies of the church of Philadelphia?

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Follow up: how does the reward for the faithful fit their enemies?

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Of the promises given here, which impacts you the most deeply? Why?

- Christ promises me a crown that cannot be taken
- Christ promises to make me a pillar that will not be shaken
- Christ promises to write His name on me that I am marked forever
- Christ promises to come again soon

## Work It Out!

One thing I'll do differently because of this sermon:

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