

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES - Revelation 3:7-13

7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: 'The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

8 "I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. **9** Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. **10** Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. **11** I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. **12** The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. **13** He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Sam asked the question in his sermon, "ever wonder how much better life would be if our government and those in power shared our values and passed laws to enforce those values?", can you relate to that question?
2. Are you living like Jesus is king, holding all authority in our daily life?
3. Vs. 8-10 in this passage show that Jesus promises us protection, not *power*. Yet, everything in our American culture says we have value when we hold power. What are steps you can take to actively disengage from power, and move to embrace a simple life of obedience?
4. God's word to the church at Philadelphia, and us in Manheim, is to *hold fast* (vs. 11). What are you doing to hold fast?
5. Take time as a group to share how you can let your weakness be evident for all, as a witness that you are fully accepted by God.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS