



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

Sermon Series: The Revelation

Sunday, November 14: Walk Through God's Open Doors

Revelation 3:7-13

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As a group, take the first 10 minutes of your time and read out loud chapters 2-3 of Revelation and all seven letters to the seven churches.

*Which of these letters stood out to you and why?*

In his sermon, Mike spoke about the church in Philadelphia as the letter that he felt stood out to him about Lake Forest.

*What were the things that were going on in this churches life that Mike talked about? (hint: earthquake, suffering, etc...)*

*When you go through very hard things, how are you tempted to view your relationship with Jesus? How is your relationship with him affected?*

*Have there been very difficult times in your life that you watched your relationship with Jesus increase or decrease in intimacy? Why do you think this happened?*

*What are all the things that have been going on in our culture these past years that are not going "well" around our Lake Norman area? With is your gut response to all of these things?*

Now, read Revelation 3:7-13 again and hear what words were written to Philadelphia in their hardship.

*What are all the "deeds" that they have done in which they receive praise?*

*One response to hard things that go on is to "escape". How is this response spoken "against" in these verses?*

*What are ways you've wanted to escape from the hard things going on in our area?*

Have every person in your group now read verse 8 out loud again.

Read the following verses: 1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3

Mike talked this morning about things that will happen as you "walk through the open doors." He stated that "walking through the open door means":

- 1) You will leave something behind--What do you know you will have to leave behind?
- 2) There will be fear of the unknown--What fears do you have?
- 3) You will have to "eat the Word" (live in the Scriptures)--How will your time in Scripture need to change?

Mike also recognized that the church in Philadelphia was promised 3 things as they walk through the door:

- 1) There will be much fruit--what fruit are you hoping to see?
- 2) You will be kept "in/from" severe trials--what trials are you praying you won't have to endure or that the Lord would keep you as you go through?
- 3) You will be made a pillar in the temple of God--What do you pray your life would stand for even after you are gone for God's kindom?

*What doors are open for your group? Spend time as a group praying through those open doors.*