



SEVEN CHURCHES

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

"The Church that Kept God's Word"
Revelation 3:7-13

Record your insights & observations from this week's sermon.

SERMON NOTES

For Further Study on This Sermon Series

Christ's Call to Reform the Church: Timeless Demands from the Lord to His People by John MacArthur

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read *Revelation 3:7-9; Isaiah 22:20-22*. What does it mean that Jesus is the one who has the key of David and has set before them an open door?
- 2) Read *Revelation 3:8*. What compliment did Jesus give the Church of Philadelphia? How does God use our weaknesses for His glory (see *2 Corinthians 12:7-10*)?
- 3) Read *Revelation 3:9-10; John 17:15*. Jesus never promises to remove His people from this world, but He promises to protect them in the midst of this world. God promises strong protection for His people when heavy trials come. How has God protected you throughout your life?
- 4) The city of Philadelphia experienced many earthquakes. As a result of fear of more earthquakes to come, many of the people lived outside of the city and commuted in for work and church. How would the promise of *Revelation 3:12* encourage them? How does it encourage Christians today?
- 5) Many people today have an identity crisis. How can the promise of *Revelation 3:12* encourage Christians that they have the name of God written on them?
- 6) Read *Revelation 3:8, 10* there is a theme that the Church of Philadelphia kept God's Word. How does keeping God's Word in our hearts and minds help us persevere in our faith? How has your time with the Lord been lately? Discuss.

FOR YOUR FAMILY

- 1) Memorize *Revelation 3:8* – *"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."*
- 2) Read *Revelation 3:7-13*. Discuss with your family what challenges the Church of Philadelphia faced, and the promises that Jesus gave to them.
- 3) Talk with your children about how important it is to keep God's Word in our hearts and minds (see *Revelation 3:8, 10*). Come up with a Bible reading plan that keeps your family in the Word of God on a regular basis.