



Week 6 Discussion Guide

Reviewing the Message

Sunday's message talked about Jesus' letter to the church in Philadelphia in Revelation 3:7–13 and how he encouraged believers living in a difficult and unstable environment. These questions are meant to help us remember and reflect on the key ideas and promises from the message.

1. What were the three pressures the church in Philadelphia was facing in their world?
 2. Why did Jesus praise the church in Philadelphia even though they had “little strength”?
 3. What does Jesus mean when he says he holds “the key of David” and can open doors that no one can shut?
 4. What image does Jesus use in verse 12 to describe the stability believers will have in God's kingdom?
 5. What were the four promises or “pillars” Jesus gave to encourage the church when everything felt shaky?
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Connecting to the Message

Sunday's message talked about how we also live on “fault lines” - not geological ones, but cultural, relational, emotional, and spiritual ones. These questions help us consider how the message connects to real situations in our lives.

6. When have you experienced a season where life felt unstable or uncertain? What made it feel that way?
 7. Have you ever experienced a “closed door” that was difficult or confusing at the time? How did you see God working through it later?
 8. The church in Philadelphia had “little strength.” When have you felt spiritually or emotionally exhausted while trying to remain faithful?
 9. Which of the four promises from the message (open door, crown, pillar, name) stood out to you the most, and why?
 10. How does knowing that Jesus is secure even when the world is shaky change the way we face uncertainty?
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Applying the Message

Sunday's message reminded us that faithfulness - not strength - is what Jesus calls his people to pursue. These questions focus on what practical steps we can take to live out this message this week.

11. What does it look like for you personally to “hold on” to your faith in this season of life?
12. Is there an area where you feel tempted to compromise or give up because your strength feels small? What would faithfulness look like instead?
13. How can you remind yourself this week that Jesus is the one who holds the key, even when circumstances feel uncertain?
14. What is one practical way you can build your identity around what Jesus says about you rather than what culture or circumstances say?
15. As a group, what is one way we can encourage each other this week to stay faithful when life feels shaky?