

AN OPEN DOOR

Revelation 3:7-14
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INTRODUCTION:

Survey of the last five churches...

A. THE BETRAYAL IN PHILADELPHIA

1. **Displaced** by a circumstance beyond their control
2. **Misled** by leaders they trusted
3. **Overwhelmed** by continuous calamity
4. **Abandoned** by those they hoped could help

B. THE BURDEN OF THE PEOPLE IN PHILADELPHIA

1. They in **tension** (v. 8)
2. They endured with **tenacity** (v. 8, 10)
3. They were **treasured** by God (v. 9)

C. THE BLESSINGS OF THE FAITHFUL IN PHILADELPHIA

1. God gave them an open **door** (v. 7-8)
2. God will **defeat** their enemy (v. 9)
3. God assured their **deliverance** from the hour of trial (v. 10-11)
4. God guaranteed them a secure **dwelling** (v. 12)

CONCLUSION

Let us walk through it with faith, knowing that His **promises** are sure, His **protection** is unwavering, and His presence is eternal."

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

ICEBREAKER: Can you share a time when an unexpected opportunity opened for you? How did you respond?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

A. The Betrayal in Philadelphia

1. Read Revelations 3:7-8. The church in Philadelphia faced challenges beyond their control due to natural disasters, colonial rule, political and spiritual betrayals. Have you ever experienced a situation where you felt displaced or abandoned? How did it affect your faith?
2. What are some ways leaders can mislead people? How can we guard ourselves against this?

B. The Burden of the People in Philadelphia

3. Verse 8 speaks about having "little strength" yet remaining faithful. In what ways have you seen God sustain you in times of weakness?
4. What does it mean to live with tenacity in your faith? How can we apply this in our daily struggles?
5. Verse 9 highlights that, among the seven churches, Philadelphia is uniquely described as a church that God loves. How does knowing that you are treasured by God shape your perspective on trials and challenges? Read Psalm 34:18 for additional reference.

C. The Blessings of the Faithful in Philadelphia

6. In verse 7-8, God set an "open door" before the church in Philadelphia. What did this symbolize for them in their historical and spiritual context? How can we interpret this "open door" in our lives today?
7. Verse 12 talks about a secure dwelling. How does this promise of security bring hope to you today?

APPLICATION

- In what areas of your life do you need to trust God for an open door?

CLOSING PRAYER

- Pray for one another, asking God to strengthen your faith, guide you through open doors, and bring peace to those who are struggling.
- Pray for the family of Sis. Edlyn Redona and all those in our church who are battling sickness. Remember to ask God's healing, strength, provision and peace in their lives.