

Sermon Discussion Questions

"An Open Door"

Revelation 3:7-13

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Optional Opener:

Have you ever heard or used the phrase, "my door is always open?" If so, what did the meaning of that phrase have for you?

Questions:

- 1. What does the key of David open (vv 7-8)? See Isaiah 22:20-24; Matthew 16:19; 1 Corinthians 16:9.
- 2. How does the reward of the people of the church in Philadelphia (v 12) fit in with their faithfulness (v 10)?
- 3. In what ways is the church of today like the Christians in Philadelphia? Unlike them? Why?

Practical Application:

- 4. What has the concept of belonging meant to you in your life? When did belonging, either to a relationship or to a group of any kind, make a difference in your life?
- 5. What usually comes first, belonging or belief? For those who are yet to know the Lord, for example, how important is first belonging, in a friendship or in a community of faith, in the order of coming to belief in Him?
- 6. What "open door" opportunities are there in your life right now or in the near future? How can you avail of the discernment of your group in how to proceed?
- 7. Take some time to pray together as a group, either in pairs or in threes, or all together silently, and ask the Spirit to help you to pray for affirmation and for guidance. Use this time as a group to listen and hear from God. Where might God be leading you?