



Sunday, November 10, 2019
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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR REVELATION 3:7-13

1. In what way(s) did God speak to you today through our study of Revelation 3:7-13?
2. When you think about your life, when are times that the Lord clearly opened some doors for you and when are times He clearly closed some doors? In what ways since has His opening/closing proven to be for your best?
3. How can we discern whether or not the Lord is the one opening/closing doors?
4. When is a time the Lord clearly opened a door for the gospel to advance through you? What did you do?
5. When, if any, has there been a time that the Lord opened a door for you to minister to someone else, but you did not take that opportunity? If you could go back to that moment, what, if anything, would you do differently?
6. When in your journey have you experienced the Lord's keeping or sustaining you through something difficult? What evidences were there of His sustaining grace to you?
7. Why are we often tempted to prefer for the Lord to keep us from something difficult than to keep us through it?
8. What should we do if we are tempted to be jealous or bitter at the providences God has extended to other brothers and sisters, but not to us (For instance, another couple has been able to have biological children but you have not; or many of your friends have been blessed with a spouse but you have not; or it seems like your friends and their spouses never have health or financial issues, but you or your spouse do – How can we accept the providences God gives to us and not crave the ones He gives to others?)
9. What do you think the other churches in Asia would think as they heard what Jesus wrote to the church in Philadelphia? How can we work for the good of sister churches and not be upset about God's moving among them in ways He may not be moving among us?
10. What should helping other members of our Connect Groups and Faith Family "hold fast" look like on a weekly basis? For you, what does it look like in reality – whom are you helping hold fast and how are you helping them?
11. Though the "Synagogue of Satan" in Philadelphia may not have been the most welcoming of places for the Christians there, how comforting do you think it was for them to hear that Jesus holds "the key of David" and that He would make them "a pillar in the temple of my God." How can resting in the acceptance that comes from God to us in Jesus, free us from looking for it everywhere else?



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12. When Jesus says “never shall he go out of” the temple, what comfort do you think He is offering the church in Philadelphia? What benefit would there be to constantly enjoying God’s presence?
13. Read through the passage one more time and see if you can list all the reasons for which Jesus should receive praise then offer those to Him as worship.

APPLICATION

This week, by God’s grace and in His power, we will _____.