

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### The Seven - A Church that is Faithful

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#### DISCUSSION:

1. Read this week's passage, Revelation 3:7-13. What are some specific promises that are made to this faithful church at Philadelphia?
2. In verse 7, Jesus establishes His authority before acknowledging the church's deeds. Two of the attributes He listed are "holy" and "true." Why do you think He chose these characteristics specific to this church?
3. Compare the church of Smyrna to the church of Philadelphia. What are similarities between the two? How are they different from the other five?
4. In verse 7, what does Jesus mean when He says He opens what no one can shut, and shuts what no one can open?
5. Read Rev. 3:8b. How can you have little strength and yet keep God's word? Describe a time when this has been the case for you.
6. In verse 9 Jesus says He will make their persecutors fall at their feet and acknowledge God loves them. Describe a time when your stand for truth encountered opposition. How does it encourage you to know that your faithfulness will be acknowledged by God?
7. In Rev. 3:12 Jesus says He will write three names on those who are victorious: the name of God, name of God's city, and Christ's new name. At the cost of perseverance and endurance for the faith, what does it mean to you to be marked in this way?

#### APPLICATION:

Do you know someone in your sphere who is going through opposition or ridicule for standing firm in their faith in Jesus Christ? What are some actions you can do to demonstrate encouragement for them? This week take time to contact them and begin to implement these actions.

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- I. A faithful church has a **healthy** view of Christ. Rev 3:7
  - A. He is the **Holy** One.
  - B. He is the **True** One
  - C. He is the **Sovereign** One.
- II. A faithful church is faithful to the **gospel**. Rev 3:8-9
  - A. Be **persistent** in the work of the gospel.
  - B. Be **true** to the **name** of Jesus.
  - C. Is **vindicated** by the grace of Christ.
- III. A faithful church **lives** by the **promises** of God. Rev 3:10-13
  - A. Jesus will **protect** us according to **His** plans.
  - B. Jesus will come soon, hold fast to what **you** have.
  - C. Jesus will honor us by giving us a **home** and **His** name.