

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Week 6 | Witness | Rev. 3:7-13

Ice Breaker

Have you ever had good news that you thought was so good that you felt like you had to share it?

General Study Questions

- How does this passage fit into the book as a whole?
- How does it flow from the previous section of the text?
- What in the passage stands out to you?
- How does this passage minister to its original audience?
- How does this text minister to us today?
- Is there a sin to confess?
- Is there a cause for thanksgiving or praise to God?
- Is there a promise or truth to trust in?
- Is there an attitude to change?
- Is there a command to obey or an example to imitate?
- Is there anything confusing or hard to understand about the passage?
- How is the gospel present in this passage?
- What is the single, main point of the passage?
- How would you apply this passage to your life?

Text Specific Questions

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the Holy and True One? How was that a comfort to the Philadelphian church? How is that a comfort to us today?
2. What does it mean that Jesus has the key of David and that no one can open or close doors that He opens or closes?
3. What is the door in Rev. 3:8? Why would this comfort the Philadelphian church? Is this door open before us today?
4. When will Rev. 3:9 be fulfilled? In our present day or at the end of time? Why does this distinction matter?
5. Rev. 3:10 is a debated verse. Review some of the possible options that it could mean. Is there a promise that we can celebrate in this verse no matter which interpretation we take?
6. In Rev. 3:12, what is the significance of being the pillar that will never go out of the temple of God? What's the significance of the three names written on the pillar?
7. How do all the rewards promised in Rev. 3:9-12 encourage us to persevere? How do they inspire us to share our faith?
8. How intentional are you about sharing your faith? Do you have a plan? Why or why not? How bold are you about sharing your faith? If the opportunity comes for you to share, do you seize it or hold back?
9. Picture a scale from 1-10 that describes evangelizing someone is (1 is not even being sure if you should evangelize, 10 is living like the Apostle Paul). Give yourself a number and consider adding it as a measurement in the front of your journal. Why did you choose that number? What would it take to move 1 point on that scale? Mark your answer down as a potential output in your journal.

Close in Prayer

Have each person share any additional prayer requests they may have. Spend some time praying for those requests as well as the outputs people have written down or shared. If you have a larger group, consider breaking up into smaller groups of 2-3 for this time. Be sure to write down prayer requests and outputs so you can pray during the week.

