

# The Church in Philadelphia

## Revelation 3:7-13

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### Reflect

Outline: Recap

### Realize

Points to Ponder

### Respond

Questions to draw out understanding.

## REFLECT

There is nothing more amazing than to see a church fulfilling the will of God. They have their eyes fixed on Jesus. They are fully aware that they are anointed and appointed to do specific things that Jesus ordains. And then they are getting at the work of ministry with faith, hope and love. The church in Philadelphia, in Revelation 3, is that church. And this is the church that we want to model ourselves after.

## REALIZE

### 1. Take the open door

- **Scripture Reference:** Isaiah 22:22, 1 Corinthians 16:8-9
- **Leader Notes**
  - Jesus can open doors that no one else can open. He opens doors for us and encourages us to step through them.
  - When God opens doors, that doesn't necessarily mean that they are easy or painless to walk through.
  - Our faithfulness doesn't guarantee that things will work out., Our job is to simply be faithful to God and trust Him with the outcome.
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - What doors has Jesus opened for me?
  - How do I respond when following Jesus doesn't look the way I expect it to?

### 2. Take the escape route

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 10:12-13
- **Leader Notes**
  - There is a group of Jewish leaders persecuting the church
  - We should ask God to help give us a faith that is steadfast and resilient under pressure.
  - We should also ask God for the kind of faith that runs to him in the midst of our own temptation.
- **Questions for Reflection**
  - Where is Jesus giving me an "easy off ramp" away from something painful?

### 3. Become a pillar in your family of faith

- **Scripture Reference:** 1 Corinthians 15:58
- **Leader Notes**

- Enduring and overcoming challenges leads us to become pillars of faith in the family of God.
- This comes from faithfully following Jesus and walking through the doors that Jesus opens.
- **Questions for reflection**
  - How can I grow to become a pillar in the church?