

Discussion Guide: Revelation 3:1-13

Key Takeaways:

- A church can appear alive externally but be spiritually dead internally.
- True spiritual life comes from staying connected to Jesus, not just doing religious activities.
- Worship and praise are powerful spiritual tools that can "open doors" in our lives.
- God provides open doors of opportunity for sharing the gospel, even in challenging times.
- Perseverance and patient endurance are crucial for overcoming spiritual trials.

Discussion Questions:

1. What are some signs that a church or individual Christian might be "alive in name" but spiritually dead? How can we guard against this in our own lives?
2. It is very possible to be "good at doing church" while being disconnected from Jesus. Have you ever experienced this? What helped you reconnect?
3. How does our passion for worldly things (like sports) compare to our passion for God? What does this reveal about our priorities?
4. Discuss the concept of worship as a "spiritual portal." How might this perspective change the way we approach worship, both corporately and individually?
5. The podcast talks about God opening doors that no one can shut. Share an experience where you felt God opened a door of opportunity in your life.
6. How do you interpret Jesus' promise to "keep you from the hour of trial" (Rev 3:10)? How does this apply to Christians facing persecution today?
7. What does it mean to be an "overcomer" in the context of Revelation? How can we cultivate this mindset in our daily lives?

Practical Applications:

This week, take time to evaluate your spiritual life. Are there areas where you're going through the motions without true connection to Jesus?

Choose one way to deepen your worship experience this week (e.g., journaling, extended prayer time, fasting).

Identify 10 people in your life who don't know Jesus. Commit to praying for them regularly and look for open doors to share your faith.

Reflect on areas where you might be spiritually "asleep." What's one concrete step you can take to "wake up" in that area?

Practice intentional praise and worship daily this week, even (especially) when you don't feel like it. Notice any "doors" that seem to open as a result.