



## Championing Patient Endurance

June 25, 2023

Revelation 3:7-13

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*\*\* Before you begin, please read Revelation 3:7-13*

1. Icebreaker: Share a time when endurance was required on your part, to make it through something. Were you successful or not?
2. How would you explain "spiritual endurance" to someone else?
3. Why is this spiritual endurance so important? What makes it difficult?
4. From what you read in Revelation 3:7-13 and what you learned from the sermon, what circumstances is this church in Philadelphia facing that requires endurance?
5. How do they respond to these circumstances? (Hint: See Rev 3:8 and 3:10.)
6. Look through the passage closely and make a list of promises Jesus offers to this enduring church.
7. How do these promises motivate patient endurance? Is there one promise that stands out to you in a special way? Why?
8. Read what Jesus says about Himself in Rev 3:7 and read Hebrews 12:1-3. What do you learn from these passages about the power for endurance?
9. Three "alternatives to endurance" were mentioned in the sermon, and are listed below. Briefly summarize what each one means, and why it's a poor substitute for patient endurance.
  - Panic
  - Resignation
  - Distraction
10. Three practical steps of application were mentioned in the sermon, and are listed below. Briefly summarize what each one means in your own words, and why this step is valuable for spiritual endurance.
  - Run the mile you're in.
  - Fueling is critical.
  - Fix your eyes on Jesus.
11. What circumstances are you facing in your life right now that require spiritual endurance on your part? What does "patient endurance" in these situations look like, practically speaking?
12. What other questions or comments do you have about this passage that haven't yet come up and that you'd like to discuss?
13. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
14. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?