

Yours Truly, Jesus: Week 7, The Church in Philadelphia Lance Kramer, February 14, 2021 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read Revelation 3:7-13

- 1. How is Christ portrayed/described in this passage?
- 2. How is the church in Philadelphia portrayed/described in this passage?
- 3. What prescription or "action step" is given to this church and what will be the result of obedience?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? Talk together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 4. The key of David represents Christ's authority. God holds keys that open opportunities for salvation and life in Christ. In Jesus' earthly ministry, God the Father opened doors for Him that nobody could shut and shut doors that no one can open. Share a story from your own life where God clearly opened or shut a door.
 - What does this tell us about God's authority, ability, and "the way" God works?
 - What open doors do you believe that God may be calling you to walk through?
- 5. The Philadelphians are commended for their effort to obey and encouraged to hold tightly to whatever strength they have. We can use what we have to live for Christ: gifts, abilities, experience, and maturity.
 - What specific gifts, abilities, experience, and maturity has God built up in your life?
 - Who comes to mind when you think of gifts, abilities, experience, and maturity that God is using for his glory?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

- 6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?
 - ** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **