

## **WHAT'S NEXT FOR MY LIFE?**

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Week 2: Choosing Which Doors You'll Walk Through

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## CHOOSING WHICH DOORS YOU'LL WALK THROUGH

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### REVIEW IT

There are many common threads, illustrations and themes in the Bible. That's one reason the Bible never gets old. You can always find a new thread woven throughout scripture. One of those is the illustration of a doorway. Jesus liked to reference a door as a metaphor. He said he stands at the door and knocks, he opens doors of opportunity, and (in the gospel of John) he declared, "I am the door."

A door can represent the entrance door of salvation, the threshold to fellowship, the passage door of discipleship, the service door of ministry, or the outside door to your mission in life. A door can be an entrance or it can be an exit. It can represent acceptance, or it can represent rejection. There are many implications for the doors in your life, and **every door is a decision**. Here's what we need to know about the doors in our life...

1. What's next in my life will be shaped by the doors I walk past and the doors I walk through
2. A door may be an opportunity from God, a distraction from others, or a trap from Satan
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**Spend some time in the word: Read Philippians chapter 1**

### TALK ABOUT IT

1. Icebreaker: Quickly brainstorm how many types of doors you open every day...
2. Which of the above things to know about doors stood out to you in the message?
3. Can you think of a door in your life that was an opportunity from God?
4. Can you think of some doors in your life that turned out to be distractions or a trap? Or, can you provide an example of how an open door may be a trap from Satan?
5. How can we determine if an open door is from God?

### ACT ON IT

Why does God want us to offer open doors to others? How can you open a door for someone else this week? Also, our Dream Team is all about opening doors for others. Discover how to make a difference with us! <https://rockbrook.org/dream-team>

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.