



SUMMER 2026 // WEEK 2

GrowGroup Questions

Sermon Based Groups // June 7, 2026

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Philadelphia: The Faithful Church



Introduction

This Sunday our message is brought to us by Pastor Pat. As we study the seven churches of Revelation we continue to see the same pattern: The greeting, the title for Jesus, the reminder, the commendation, and the challenge. Not much is known about the ancient city of Philadelphia. In John's time the city largely worshiped Dionysius, a Greek God of wine, who was worshipped annually in drunken orgies. Against the backdrop of this pagan city's culture of self-indulgence, a Christian church thrived.

We encourage you to take some time to read through the questions on the following pages and jot down your thoughts before meeting with your group. Many people also find it helpful to use these questions as a guide for taking notes during the sermon. Many of these topics will be touched upon. The purpose of these questions is to spark reflection and encourage meaningful conversation. Remember, you don't need to work through every single question each week—focus on the ones that are most helpful for you and your group.

Getting Started

Transition into group discussion.

- 1) Open group discussion with prayer.
- 2) Choose someone to read the passage(s) aloud for the group.

Study Questions *(Suggested time: 30-40 min)*

1. Jesus uses different titles to identify Himself to each church in *Revelation* often relating specifically to their circumstances. What does, "He who has the key of David" imply? Why might Jesus have used this title with the Philadelphians?

2. This church received the highest marks, and God says they have an *open door* before them, (probably a ministry opportunity) even though they have limited strength. What does *Revelation* teach us about having, "only have a little strength?" See also 1 Cor. 1:27; 2 Cor. 12:9

3. What reward did Jesus promise this church in verses 3:10-11? How does this apply to us now?

4. Every believer who lives for Jesus faces opposition. Read 1 John 4:4. What message is John conveying? What are tangible ways this knowledge helps you in times of opposition?
5. Much of Revelation deals with things to come. Rev. 1:9 says these words are also about things that *are*. What take-aways from these last few messages inspire you to share your faith with others?

Personal Spiritual Exercises

Scripture Focus: take some time this week to read Revelation 3:14-22

Prayer *(Suggested time: 10-15 min)*

A meaningful part of “coming together” is being open and genuine about our lives. For some, praying in a group may feel very natural, while for others it may feel new or uncomfortable. If you would prefer not to pray aloud, you’re welcome to pray silently and simply say “Amen” when you’re finished, signaling the next person to pray. Whether spoken or silent, every prayer is part of this shared time in God’s presence.

1. Pray for the church to have a sense of urgency in sharing Jesus.
2. Take a few moments to think about a prayer request. What are you currently going through that you are still waiting to see how God is going to be glorified? Consider making a prayer request.

“A faithful man shall abound with blessings...” *Proverbs 28:20a, “NKJV”*