

When Jesus Went to Church Week 5
The church in Philadelphia
Sunday October 10th, 2021

Jeremiah 29:11-13 (NLT, pg. 651) For I know the plans I have for you,” says the lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

Revelation 3:7-13 (NLT, pg. 1043)

Revelation 3:7 (NLT) “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open.

Keys = _____
David = _____
Door = _____

1 John 2:22 (NLT, pg. 1032) And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist.

Philippians 2:9-11 (NLT, pg. 984) Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Good:

- 1. _____**
- 2. The _____ door**

The Bad: It’s _____ there

What to do Next:

- 1. Trust in God’s _____**

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT) A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

John 8:44b (NLT, pg. 890) [The devil] was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 16:33 (NLT, pg. 898) I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

- 2. _____ the open door**

John 14:6 (NLT, pg. 896) Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Final Thought: _____ (NLT, pg. 1025) The end of the world is coming soon. Therefore, be earnest and disciplined in your prayers. Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins.

When Jesus Went to Church week 5 Discussion Questions

Read Revelation 3:7-8. Jesus establishes his authority as Messiah in verse 7, and then commends the church in verse 8 for relying on Jesus' power instead of their own. How does using the analogy of opening a door that no one can close accomplish all of this? Does this analogy bring you encouragement? Why or why not? Read the following scriptures and identify how they connect to the open door. Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:6-8, 10:9-10, 12:1-2, John 14:6, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 10:27-29

Have you walked through the door of salvation? If yes, how has it changed your life? If no, what is holding you back? What one or two people in your life do you need to share the gospel with? Will you add them to your prayer list? (pray for God to open their heart, for the right opportunity to share with them, and for the words to use)

How significant is it to you that Jesus doesn't bring up anything wrong with the church in Philadelphia? Explain. "At church we have come to the place where you can't be doing ok. It is assumed you need to be convicted for falling short or are lying about being good." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? When it comes to your faith journey, what are you doing good with? Claim the victory with your group! Read Romans 12:3. How can this verse help to claim the good in your life and still give God the glory?

Is it easy for you to trust in God's protection? Why or why not? Read John 16:33. How does this verse help you trust God's protection? What do you think Oregon Trail needs to learn from the church in Philadelphia? Will you commit to diligent prayer during this series about how Oregon Trail can continue our mission and what your role is in this effort?