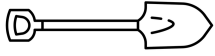


Hope Church Women's Bible Study: Revelation 3:7-13

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Dwell: As you listen, consider what stands out to you about this letter. Share this and any questions with your group.



Dig:

1. Briefly summarize for each category, using the chart below (and/or the full-page chart.)

Passage	To angel of the church in:	Description of Jesus	What Jesus knows - Commendation	What Jesus knows - Accusation	Exhortation/ Warning	Call to listen? Y/N	Promise to the faithful
3:7-13							

2. Underline all the “I statements” in this letter (*I have, I know, I will*, etc). What is the impact on the listener?
3. What might it mean that Jesus has the “key of David”?
 - a. Consider what we learn about the power of the key from the cross-reference of Isaiah 22 (on the back). What might that suggest about the meaning of Jesus’s key? What door(s) might he have in view?
 - b. Access to God is a theme that runs throughout Scripture. What did God’s people previously know about access to God? (See Gen. 3, Ex. 26, and Lev. 16 on the back.) In light of that background, how does the gospel shine through in this passage?
4. Are you surprised about what their enemies will ultimately learn, as these enemies finally bow down at the feet of God’s people (3:9)? Discuss your various reactions to this promise.
5. How do you understand the “hour of trial coming on the whole world”? What do you think Jesus might mean by his promise to “keep us from” this hour? What other Scriptures influence your understanding? Share some ideas with the group.
6. What do you learn about God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) from this passage?



Deepen:

1. Use your imagination: What if you got a chance to see the Wizard? What would you ask him for? How might this help you think about the way you pray, given your secure and permanent access to the throne room of the Almighty God?
2. How might this passage help you hold on to hope, even as you experience doors being shut in your face? Is there a particular promise that is most helpful to bolster your hope?
3. Consider your eternal and permanent identity as one who belongs to God (x3). How do other identities sometimes compete with that one in your own life? How might this lead to crowns that don't last?

Isaiah 22:15-23

¹⁵ Thus says the Lord God of hosts, "Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: ...¹⁷ Behold, the Lord will hurl you away violently, O you strong man. He will seize firm hold on you ¹⁸ and whirl you around and around, and throw you like a ball into a wide land. There you shall die, and there shall be your glorious chariots, you shame of your master's house. ¹⁹ I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. ²⁰ In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, ²¹ and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³ And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house.

Genesis 3:22-24

²² Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—" ²³ therefore the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

Exodus 26:31-34

³¹ "And you shall make a veil of blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen. It shall be made with cherubim skillfully worked into it. ³² And you shall hang it on four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, with hooks of gold, on four bases of silver. ³³ And you shall hang the veil from the clasps, and bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall separate for you the Holy Place from the Most Holy. ³⁴ You shall put the mercy seat on the ark of the testimony in the Most Holy Place.

Leviticus 16:1-3

16 The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died, ² and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. ³ But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place....