



# Harbor Trinity Groups

## *Discussion Questions*

**Sermon Title:** To the Church: Philadelphia

**Scripture:** Revelation 3:7-13

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1. The book of Revelation tells us, “Bless is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written” (Revelation 1:1-3) because “these words are trustworthy and true” (Revelation 22:6-7). Let’s take a moment to read these verses aloud together.
2. Jesus introduces Himself in each letter to each church. How does He introduce Himself to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7)? What is the significance of each phrase (the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one will open)?
3. The phrase “open door” (Revelation 3:8) can be common amongst Christians. What does Jesus mean by this phrase as He uses it?
4. It has been said, “When God closes a door, He opens a window.” While there is no biblical precedent for this phrase, it can help us to understand open and closed doors. How have you experienced this in your life? Have there been doors that only Jesus has opened and no one can close? Have there been doors that Jesus has closed, and no matter how hard you try, you could not open it?
5. Does your life/faith ever feel like “little power” (Revelation 3:8)? Why is it more important to endure and keep faith rather than display power?
6. Because the church in Philadelphia has kept the words of Jesus (Revelation 3:8), Jesus will keep them “from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 3:10). How are these two phrases connected?
7. Jesus tells the church in Philadelphia that “keep” them during the trial, not take them out of it. Why is this an important understanding of how God delivers? How is this an answer to the prayer that Jesus prayed in John 17:15?
8. In Luke 22:43, we are able to see how “an angel from heaven” strengthened a weakened Jesus to face and bear the horror and agony of the Cross. This is the same way Jesus is saying He will strengthen us. Are there ways that you could use God’s strength in your life today?
9. Jesus says, “I am coming soon...hold fast” (Revelation 3:11) and “the one who conquers, I will make him a pillar” (Revelation 3:12). Philadelphia experienced multiple earthquakes which destroyed their city. How would they have heard these words differently than others? How does that help them endure and conquer?
10. “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches” (Revelation 3:13). What do you believe that the Spirit is saying to you? Do you believe God is also saying something to us? Harbor Trinity Church?