



Worship Guide for March 7, 2021

Sermon Notes

Lessons from the Church of the Open Door: Be Bold!

Revelation 3: 7-13 (pew Bible pgs. 1029-1030)

Jesus is Lord over every minute of every day of every week of every year of every century for all time. This phrase, which we have heard often during the past several months, should give us great security and peace. It should also, as we see in the letter to the church at Philadelphia, give us great confidence and boldness. This small church in Philadelphia was faithful to Jesus, so He opened for them opportunities for witness and ministry. In response to our faithful obedience, Jesus puts before us open doors of opportunity that no one is able to shut. As we take advantage of these opportunities, we have nothing to fear. He is the sovereign King who promises to keep us now and for all time.

The Description of the Savior:

- His holiness
- His truthfulness
- His authority

The Commendation of the Church:

- You have little power and you know it
- You have kept my word and show it
- You have kept my name and not denied it

The Promises to the Faithful:

- Opportunity for witness & ministry
- Confidence in God's purposes
- Assurance in the midst of trials
- Certainty in Christ's imminent return

The Reward to the Conquerors

- A crown for the victors
- Complete security with God
- Full identity with Christ

Applications:

Weekly Discipleship Guide

Sunday

In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

Be

Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How would you describe a church that could be referred to as "a Great Commission Church?" How would you describe a life that could be referred to as "a Great Commission life?"

What encouragement does this passage offer to churches that might seem "small" in their influence? How does a focus on Jesus' awesome-ness overcome and change such a self-assessment?

How does this passage encourage the church as it faces increased opposition and pressure from its surrounding culture?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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