

Home Group Questions – June 17, 2018
7 Churches of Revelation – The Church of Philadelphia

1. Share a time when someone made a promise to you and did not follow through with it.
2. Read Revelation 3:7-13 with your group.
3. Let's take a closer look at how Jesus introduces himself to the Church of Philadelphia in verse 7.
 - What do you think of when Jesus says that he is "holy and true"?
 - Jesus also tells the Church that he "holds the key of David" and that "what he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open." These statements are a bit confusing for some. They ask, "What is Jesus talking about here?" Let's look at three things to give us clues:
 1. Read Revelation 1:18.
 2. Read Matthew 16:19
 3. This idea is clearly connected with verse 12, when Jesus talks about "the city of my God, the new Jerusalem".After looking at all of this... what does Jesus mean when he tells us that he "*holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open*"?
4. Jesus makes many promises and gives many encouraging words to his faithful believers in this passage. Go through the passage verse-by-verse and point out all the promises or words of encouragement from Jesus that you can find.
5. Have you ever had a time when you doubted any of God's promises for us? For example, maybe you have wondered if God had really forgiven you of your sins, whether your baptism really counted, whether you really will go to heaven, etc.
6. In light of the fact that Jesus makes many promises in this passage, why is it important that he first tells the Church that he is "holy and true" and that he "holds the key of David"?
7. Of all the things that God promises to us and to the church, what is the most exciting for you to think about?
8. Which promise or word of encouragement from this passage might you need to take to heart the most right now?