

Message: ***Church of the Open Door***

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

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Our Lord Jesus said to the believers in Philadelphia, *See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.* What door is He referring to? There are two doors He has in mind. One, the door of salvation, the door into the kingdom of heaven. Jesus has the key, and He is the door. Also, the “open door” is the door of opportunity to tell others about “the gospel of the open door,” and bring about change in this world.

Consider Japan where Protestant Christians introduced ethics into politics and had an impact beyond all proportion to their numbers. They were a very small minority, but they were central in the beginnings of the women’s movement, labor unions and virtually every reform in the country.

As was the case in Philadelphia, there are obstacles, real and substantial. As was the case in Philadelphia, we have “little power.” But, as was the case in Philadelphia, the obstacles and little power finally do not matter. For Jesus is moving in our church, and He has the keys!

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. How has the Church in Philadelphia been able to persevere? Describe their enemies.
2. How does their reward fit their faithfulness?
3. What open doors has Jesus placed before you? How have you taken advantage of the pathways He’s made available to you?
4. What are some closed doors Jesus placed in your life? How have you responded to each of these closed doors?