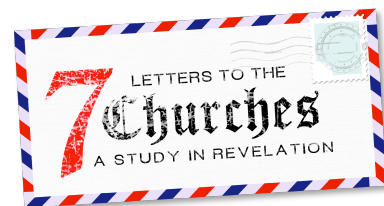


# Community Group Discussion Guide



Sunday, June 14, 2020

Scripture: Revelation 3:7-13

## THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

In his letter to the church at Philadelphia, Jesus reveals himself as the Sovereign Lord over his church and the world, commends their faithful works, announces their future vindication, offers his people protection during the worldwide trial, and promises a great reward to those who conquer.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- What does the text indicate about the cultural and geopolitical context of Philadelphia?
- What does Christ reveal about himself in his greeting to the church? How does this impact your worldview? Is your vision of Jesus greater than your circumstances?
- Do you see yourself as cherished by God and a significant participant in advancing his purposes in the world?
- Are you seeking opportunities as God opens doors for evangelism (1 Peter 1:23,25; Colossians 4:2-4)? Has the Holy Spirit placed someone on your heart to demonstrate and declare the gospel?
- What is the "synagogue of Satan"? What was the conflict taking place between the unbelieving Jews and the Christians (the spiritual descendants of Abraham)? Explain how Jesus' rebuke of the unbelieving is simultaneously a commendation, vindication, and encouragement to God's people?
- What trial is Jesus referencing in verse 10? How will he protect his people from the "hour of trial"?
- What crown do they possess?
- What four encouraging promises does Jesus give the church? What is the ultimate reward of the gospel?