

## Dear Philadelphia:

The Faithful Church

Revelation 3:7-13

December 1, 2024



### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **1. Understanding the Text:**

- What does Revelation 3:7-13 reveal about Jesus' priorities for a church?
- How does Jesus describe Himself in verse 7, and what does this imply about His authority over churches?

#### **2. Reflecting on Faith and Power:**

- Today's sermon mentioned how the church in Philadelphia had "little power" yet great faith. How does this resonate with our church or your personal spiritual life?
- Discuss the difference between relying on human strength versus faith in Christ.

#### **3. Facing Opposition:**

- What forms of opposition might churches or individual Christians face today for their faith?
- How does the promise of vindication (Revelation 3:9) encourage you in the face of opposition?

#### **4. Enduring Trials:**

- Reflect on the promise of protection from the "hour of trial" (Revelation 3:10). What does this mean for believers in times of personal or communal hardship?

#### **5. Living in Anticipation:**

- How should the expectation of Christ's return influence our daily actions and the mission of our church?

#### **6. Identity in Christ:**

- Discuss the significance of being named and claimed by God. How does this change our self-perception and our interactions with others?

### **Take Action:**

- **Personal Commitment:** Reflect on one area where you can exercise more faith instead of relying on your own strength or external validations this week.
- **Church Involvement:** Identify one way our church can demonstrate faith, love, and perseverance in our community, perhaps through a new initiative or strengthening an existing one.

### **Closing:**

- **Prayer:** Pray for each member of the group to live out the characteristics of the church Jesus prefers. Also, pray for any personal challenges of faith that may have been raised by group members.