



## Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide Dear Church - Part 6 LEADER GUIDE

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**LEADERS:** For this season, we are taking a break from our normal icebreaker questions and moving into deeper conversations by asking some key accountability questions. Depending on the size of your group, you may not make it through all of the questions. If that's the case, please consider choosing one or two questions and sticking with those each week. Insist that all members of your group participate in answering. As your people begin to anticipate your questions, they will begin to think about them throughout their week, opening doors for a deeper, intimate relationship with God.

- Where have you seen God and His goodness at work in your life this week?
- What are you reading in your Bible right now?
- Have you shared your story, the gospel, or intentionally invested in a relationship with someone disconnected from God this week?
- How have you loved the people God has placed in your life this week? (i.e. family, friends, coworkers)

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**MAIN POINT:** Consistently follow the word of Christ to honor His Name.

*Read this out to the group as a type of road map for where the discussion should go.*

**Passage(s) to Read:** Revelation 3:7-13

**Passage Summary:** Philadelphia receives no correction from Jesus but only commendation and promises. What was their secret? They weren't strong or significant but they were dependent on Jesus. Jesus' applauded and then empowered their consistency to stay true to Him and keep His Word.

*Read the summary out loud before the passage. This will help set up the direction of the discussion.*

### DISCUSSION:

1. From these verses, what do we know about the church in Philadelphia?  
*This church, although small and viewed by the world as insignificant, was spiritually serious. They were committed and while they had little worldly power, Jesus promised to reward their faithfulness by overruling the satanic enemies that came against them.*
2. In verse 12, we learn that he who overcomes will be made a pillar in the temple. What does this mean?  
*Christ's promise to make the one who conquers a pillar in the temple of God is a promise of public recognition. In the end, everyone will know that the spiritually serious person is special to God because Jesus will publicly identify that person as set apart.*
3. In verse 7, we read that whatever He opens, no one can close and whatever He closes, no one can open. What open doors has Christ placed before you? How have you taken advantage of the pathways he's made available to you?
4. What are some closed doors He has placed in your career, ministry, social life, etc? How have you responded to each of these?
5. In what ways are you like the Christians in Philadelphia? Unlike them? What is the Spirit teaching you through the study of this church?

### STEPS OF OBEDIENCE

As an offering of worship and fellowship as a group, try bringing to the Lord all the aspects of Himself which He brings to mind in prayer. Take turns giving thanks for what God has taught you through the message this week.

#### **PRAYER TIME**

- If anyone in the group has a special prayer request, make sure that is shared with the group.