

The City of Brotherly Love
Revelation 3:7-13

Sermon Discussion Questions
October 25, 2020

Special Note: In light of Revelation 1:3, please read the passage for this week's study questions aloud as a group before going through the questions.

1. **Read Revelation 3:7.** In the description about Jesus, it states that He holds the key of David. What is the significance of Jesus holding the key of David? What are some similarities between David and Jesus that emphasize this point (see 1 Samuel 16 & 17)?
2. **Read Revelation 3:8.** In what ways this past week have you demonstrated weakness in a situation you could have shown strength in? What was the result? What would the result have been had you shown strength instead of weakness?
3. The church of Philadelphia was a small church that lacked the resources and influence of some of the other churches we've studied. But in their weakness, they were strong because God was with them. In what ways can you view people how God views them and not through influence or an abundance of resources? Would this be a challenge for you to do?
4. Pastor Jim said that "Force doesn't change anyone's heart. Love does." How does this change the way you approach how you share the gospel with friends, family, and coworkers?

Why is force often used to reach the lost with the gospel over love? Can love and force coexist in an evangelistic opportunity?

5. As group, **read 1 Kings 7:21.** One of the rewards in choosing the way of love is the promise of being named a pillar in God's temple. What is the significance of the pillars mentioned in 1 Kings 7 in relation to Revelation 3:12 and the promise Jesus makes to those who love?
6. If you are choosing the way of love, Jesus is placing open doors for ministry in front of you. Pray for one another that you will see with eyes of faith the open doors Christ is giving to you, especially in difficult situations or with difficult people.