

PHILADELPHIA

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BIG IDEA

Hold on to the Holy One.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Revelation 3:7-13

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 10:9, Revelation 21:1-5

RESOURCES

Revelation: The Spirit Speaks to the Churches by James M Hamilton.

Discipleship on the Edge: An Expository Journey Through the Book of Revelation by Darrel W. Johnson.

The Throne, The Lamb & The Dragon by Paul Spilsbury.

Reversed Thunder by Eugene Peterson.

Revelation (Baker Publishing) by Thomas R. Schriener.

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?

4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

Jesus describes himself as the "one who is Holy and true, who holds the key of David." What does this reveal about his authority and identity?

The believers in Philadelphia faced social marginalization and rejection, especially those who were Jewish and had chosen to follow Jesus, yet they remained faithful. What pressures do we face today?

What anchors do you have in your life so you can hold on to Jesus when walking in his way is hard? What practices, rhythms, and relationships help you?

How does a future hope (Revelation 21:1-5) help you persevere in the here and now?

Quiet, courageous faithfulness to Jesus led to the spread of our faith across the entire Roman world in just a few hundred years. How is Jesus calling you to a quiet, yet courageous faithfulness in your life right now?

SENT

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.