

REVELATION

OF JESUS CHRIST

Quick Sermon Recap

Jesus writes to the church in Philadelphia to encourage them to hold fast and trust in the promises of a coming King and a coming Kingdom. He presents Himself as the True and Holy King who will hold fast to them in times of difficulty.

Build Your Own Small Group

-Study Questions-

For the week of January 21, 2024

Revelation 3:7-13

INTO THE SERMON

1. How did the message impact you this weekend?
2. Pastor Sam emphasized what it means to be God's chosen people. How did this resonate with you? How does this impact our view of ourselves?

INTO THE TEXT

Read Revelation 3:7-13 together.

The Jewish community in the city of Philadelphia is referenced as a synagogue of Satan and contrasted with the church in Philadelphia. The church is referenced as the true Jews who is given access to the kingdom of God by the True messiah who is Jesus.

1. From the following verses we learn that there is a difference between ethnic Israel and true Israel. What is this difference?
2. According to verse 7, who is the one who determines access into God's kingdom? What does this mean for us?
3. In verse 10 Jesus promises to keep the church in Philadelphia from the "hour of trial". What does this mean?

DIGGING DEEPER

The church in Philadelphia is referenced as a church with "little power". Pastor Sam mentioned that this probably meant that they were a smaller church. However, the size of their church didn't determine their significance. Even though they were a church with "little power", Jesus promises to open a door for them that no one can shut.

1. Do you think the overall Christian culture today puts too much significance on the size of a church?
2. How can the church in Philadelphia be an encouragement to us when we feel insignificant, "of little power", or forgotten by God?

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