

## **An Open Door**

### **Teaching on: Revelation 3:7-13**

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#### **1. Who's got the key?**

One who is...

- Holy and true
- Absolutely certain
- All-knowing

#### **2. Why is it open?**

Because they...

- Had a little strength
- Kept his word
- Did not deny his name

#### **3. What's through the door?**

- The crown of life
- Victory in this life

#### **Welcome idea**

Think of a door or doorway that has been significant in your life. Why is this?

#### **Worship idea**

Read John 10:7-11. Praise God for his promise of life. Pray for one another one by one (break into 2s or 3s if it helps) that you may experience "life, and have it to the full."

#### **Word ideas**

1. What are the differences between the open door of Revelation 3:8 and the closed door in Revelation 3:20?
2. How would you rate the achievement of the church of Philadelphia? Did they deserve everything Jesus promised to them?
3. What means more to you at the moment: the future "crown of life" or victory over life now?

#### **Witness idea**

Start thinking about the Hope 2008 initiative. What can you do as an individual or as a group to help others in our community encounter hope?