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Focus In Revelation 3:7, Jesus declares, “I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it.” Jesus can open doors in your life that no one can shut, and He can close the doors of your past, locking every door of fear, sin, and shame. Jesus also gives us a new name and writes the name of His kingdom on our foreheads. We belong to Him.

Fun What is an app you can’t believe someone hasn’t made yet?

Review Key Scriptures: Revelation 3:7–13; Isaiah 22:15–24

1. Receive your keys.

In the book of Revelation, Jesus tells the church in Philadelphia that He is the one who has the key of David. This key is also mentioned in Isaiah 22. In that passage, God declares the key of David’s house will be taken from Shebna, a steward of King Hezekiah, and given to another steward, Eliakim. God also declares that no one can shut the doors Eliakim opens, and no one can open the doors he shuts (Isaiah 22:22). This represents Jesus, who has the master key to every door in God’s kingdom. Jesus can close the doors of your past, lock the doors of sin and shame, and open every good door in your life. When Jesus opens the doors to new opportunities and your calling, nobody can shut them.

2. Receive your new name.

Jesus makes a promise in Revelation 3:12 to the one who overcomes. Not only will Jesus make them a pillar in God’s temple, but He will write on them a new name. Throughout history, God gave people new names. He changed Abraham and Sarah’s names. God also changed Jacob’s name, which means

“supplanter” (deceiver), to Israel and told him a nation would come from him. Jesus gave Peter a new name and called him a rock. People may call you by one name, but God calls you by a different name. God’s name for you is full of promise, hope, and destiny. Allow God to write the name of His kingdom on you. You are called to His purpose!

Group Dynamics Idea Thanksgiving is a time many gather with their families, but some people in your group, neighborhood, or workplace may not have family around. Encourage your group members to think about people they could invite to celebrate with them, and consider organizing a Thanksgiving or Friendsgiving dinner for your group. The holiday season is a perfect opportunity to reach out to others and welcome them in!

Discuss

1. Read Revelation 3:7–13. What stands out to you in this passage? If this letter was written directly to you, which part would be the most encouraging?
2. What doors has God opened in your life? Were there acts of faith or obedience you took before those doors opened?
3. What doors has God shut in your life? How did those doors being shut help you step into God’s plan for your life?
4. Why does it take faith for God to open and close doors in your life? How have you learned to trust God in these situations?
5. What are some names or labels we put on ourselves or others put on us? How do those names contrast with the names God calls us in His Word?
6. Why is it so important to believe, declare, and meditate on who the Bible says we are and not what others say? How do God’s names for us bring faith, courage, and hope?
7. What doors need to be opened or closed in your life?
8. What names do you need to drop, and what names from God do you need to receive?
9. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Receive the keys God has for you.

- Allow Jesus to open and close doors in your life.
- Receive your new name.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us the keys to Your kingdom. We believe any door You open cannot be shut, and any door You close cannot be opened. Please give us faith to open the doors of Your kingdom in our life and receive the names You give us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip It is easy for small group leaders to default to a teaching mode, but successful small groups go deeper with less teaching and more authentic relationship building. Take time to sow into people's lives as you lead.