

REVELATION 3:7-13

DISCUSSION GUIDE

STEP 1 - READ TEXT

Read the text: Revelation 3:7-13

STEP 2 - DISCUSS TEXT

DISCUSS THE TEXT BRIEFLY: ASK THEM THEIR OPINION ON HOW JESUS SEES THIS CHURCH.

ASK THEM WHAT THEY THINK WE CAN LEARN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

STEP 3 - DEEPER DISCUSSION

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1. Jesus refers to Himself as “The True One.” This is one of MANY attributes that the world needs. There is so much “distrust” that exist in society. How can we as Christians pivot to the Truth in all of our dealings?
2. Jesus also refers to Himself as “The Holy One.” How should holiness be achieved in a believer’s life?

ANSWER: You can’t. Christ was holy for us. When we strive for holiness on our own, we put confidence in the flesh, and we will fail, and then suffer shame. We must submit ourselves to Christ, and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us, and the Word of God to renew our minds. Christ imputes His holiness to us by the Grace of God.

STEP 4 - ACTIVITY

Philadelphia used their location to their advantage when proclaiming the Gospel.

Consider taking 2-3 sheets of oversized notepads and have your house church brain storm how Republic is uniquely positioned for the Gospel to be proclaimed. Encourage them to pray and consider how we may evangelize our city.

STEP 5 - HANGING ON

Christ encourages Philadelphia to hang strong. We used the illustration of someone hanging on to the monkey bars. The world tries to pull you off, but Christ strengthens you to stay, and NOTHING can you remove you, except you CAN let go if you choose.

For deep internal reflection: WHAT IS TRYING TO PULL YOU OFF THE RING RIGHT NOW?