
Revelation: Unveiled Hope
 “Encouraging Words to Fragile People”
 Revelation 3:7-13

Thoughts to Shape and Spark Discussion:

“There are no little people in God’s sight, so there are no little places. To be wholly committed to God in the place where God wants him—this is the creature glorified ... This is the way of the Christian: he should choose the lesser place until God extrudes him into a position of more responsibility and authority.”

Francis Schaeffer

“The world shouldn’t dictate what we anticipate from God. As the West becomes more committed to a secular belief system, it doesn’t mean we should expect less from God during our lifetime. He is sovereign, which is why we should believe anything is possible. His Spirit can move when and where He wishes.”

Andy Jones

*“So if I stand let me stand on the promise that you will pull me through
 And if I can’t, let me fall on the grace that first brought me to You
 And if I sing let me sing for the joy that has born in me these songs
 And if I weep let it be as a man who is longing for his home”*

Rich Mullins, “If I Stand”

Themes and Questions to Guide Reflection and Response:

- What from the Scripture passage or the sermon made an impression upon you? Are there lingering questions to be answered or rabbit trails to be followed for you?
- What is God showing you about Himself and yourself in this passage?
- What is the presenting “problem” in Philadelphia? What is Jesus addressing and commending?
- What in your life confronts you with a sense of “little power”?
 - Does Jesus identification and sympathy resonate, comfort, and help you? Why, or why not? How?
- Jesus uses the powerful images of keys and doors to great effect in this passage.
 - What is the place of the images?
 - What do they communicate?
 - How do they land with you personally?
- Are there situations in which you feel that others hold the keys to where you want to go, who you want to be, what you want to do but you are powerless and hold none of those keys?
- Do you conceive of the Christian life as one of freedom, opportunity, access, and possibility?
 - Why, or why not?
 - What open doors are placed in front of you? Which doors do you wish were open in front of you?
- What does Jesus promise? How does it comfort in the face of little power and closed doors?