New Vision Seven: Letters of Revelation Letter to Philadelphia Revelation 3:7-13 06/16/2019

MAIN POINT Christ opened the door of heaven to all who trust Him in faith and to be a church that is faithful to Him.

INTRODUCTION

What is the most important promise you have ever made? Have you been able to keep it? Has it ever been difficult to keep?

When has someone broken a promise to you? Why are broken promises so hurtful?

## UNDERSTANDING

Revelation 3:7-10

How did Jesus identify and describe Himself in these verses? Which description encourages you the most? Why?

## What did Jesus mean when He said He had the key of David? What does that give Him the ability to do?

In the sermon a description of being faithful is provided. Here are some of these main points:

Faithful individuals keep God's Word. Faithful individuals do not deny God's name. Faithful individuals endure suffering and opposition

## What confidence does it give you to know that through Jesus, the door to heaven will never be shut to those who trust in Him?

The church at Philadelphia was one of two churches about whom Jesus says nothing negative. What did Jesus commend them for?

What struggles were the church at Philadelphia dealing with? How can we hold to God's Word with patient endurance during hardship?

Who were the synagogue of Satan? How could they say they are Jews when they were not? How did Jesus promise to deal with them?

Read Revelation 3:11-13

How does the reality that Jesus is coming soon affect the way we live right now?

What are some ways we hold fast to what we have in Christ? What does that look like in your own life?

What specific promises did Jesus make to those who continue in obedience to His commands out of love and faith for Him in these verses?

Jesus ends His letters to the churches with the statement "He who has an ear, let Him listen to what the Spirit says to the churches". How would you summarize Jesus' message to the church at Philadelphia?

APPLICATION

When did Jesus open the door of heaven to you? Celebrate the precious truth that Jesus loves you and has opened heaven for you.

How is the promise of heaven comforting when we go through trials and hardship?

Do you live as though Christ is coming soon? What would change about your life if you lived every day as though Christ was coming soon?