

Revelation 3:7-13

K-Group Discussion Questions

1. Many Christians at Philadelphia had probably been expelled from the local Jewish synagogue (see v. 9). In that light, why would Jesus' words in Rev. 3:7-8 be especially meaningful to them? What helps you latch on to Christ's acceptance when you face the world's rejection?
2. Sometimes Christians are rejected by the world for legitimate reasons (e.g., insisting that Jesus is the only way to God), while at other times we are rejected for all the wrong reasons (e.g., being obnoxious). How can we make sure that when we are rejected, it is for the right reasons?
3. Jesus promises to reverse the situation for the Christians at Philadelphia (3:9). When you are being rejected, what helps you endure and respond in a Christlike way as you wait for God to bring justice, rather than taking revenge yourself?
4. Jesus promises to protect us spiritually from the "hour of trial" (see the same verb/preposition combination in John 17:15). Why do some Christians prefer an "exemption" theology (removal from trouble) made popular by the *Left Behind* novels, rather than an "endurance" theology?
5. Jesus offers the most promises to the "weakest" congregation. How has God shown himself powerful during your times of weakness?