

## LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34)

- Internal: How was your week...anything new?! How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- External: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

## **TRUTH**

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another... (Col. 3:16)

- 1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
- 2. Let's read our primary text. [Without looking!] Let's attempt to summarize each church so far in Revelation (one statement/church). How does Philadelphia compare?
- 3. The opening verses speak of Jesus being the keyholder or doorway. What other verses come to mind when you think about this verse?
- 3. Given that Jesus is the keyholder, how does this truth mesh with worldviews that affirm many paths to God? Does the Bible affirm that?
- 4. Does Jesus give preference to large or small churches? How does this passage bring clarification to that? How does this encourage you?
- 5. The new Jerusalem is a people and a place. How does this passage affirm that truth?
- 6. If you have faced any level of persecution or suffering in your life on behalf of Jesus Christ, how does this passage bring you hope?
- 7. In one word, how would you describe the church in Philadelphia?
- 8. Any closing thoughts concerning this text? What have you learned?

## **GREAT COMMISSION**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity?

## **CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE**

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives, putting to death sinful desires.

**HOMEWORK:** Meditate on our weekly "Fighter Verse" - John 5:39-40.. How did last week's verse affect you? Did it cause you to pause or change anything as you progressed through the week?