



Dear Church...

WELL DONE

FOR DISCUSSION:

- Ever been to the real city of Philadelphia? Ever had a Philly cheesesteak? If so what's the best Philly cheesesteak you've ever had?
- What is an example of a church or ministry that you believe is doing well for the Lord? Why are they doing so well?
- Who is a follower of Jesus that you admire for having such a strong and long (many years!) faith? What do you appreciate about their example in following Jesus?

ENCOUNTER *read God's Word so that He can speak to you - Revelation 3:7-13*

EXPLORE HIS WORD *asking questions of what you saw.*

- 1) Read verse 7. How does Jesus reveal Himself to this church? What might be significant about how Jesus describes Himself?
- 2) Recall the message on Isaiah 6 by Dr. Todd Beall on July 29th – see Isaiah 6:1-8. What is the right response to God's holiness?
- 3) Read v. 8. Jesus emphasizes that this church has little strength. What does He mean by that? What can we learn from that?
- 4) Jesus emphasizes that they have not denied His name. What are some ways this church might have been tempted to deny the name of Jesus? What are some ways we might be tempted to do the same thing today?

- 5) The Church of Philadelphia was faithful to God, but it clearly wasn't easy. For you, what has been hard about following Jesus? What is something that seems hard today in your walk with Jesus?
- 6) Jesus shares several ways He will protect and honor the Church of Philadelphia. What stands out to you in verses 9-12 about how God will honor His church?
- 7) Share about a time when you persevered in your faith and it was worth it in the end! Why was it so hard? Why was it so worthwhile?
- 8) Imagine persevering to the end for Jesus – not perfectly but faithfully. If you hear Him say “Well done, good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21,23), how might you feel? Can you compare that moment to anything else you have felt in this world? What comes the closest?
- 9) We need the example of older saints who have walked faithfully with the Lord for decades. Again, who is someone you admire for how long and strong their faith has been. Who is someone in our Forcey family that you could reach out to sometime this month and ask about what has been key to them in following after Jesus?
- 10) Who is a younger person that you can encourage about how worthwhile it is to follow Jesus? How might you be able to pray for him/her or specifically encourage?

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What open doors do you see God giving you right now for ministry? What open doors do you see God giving Forcey Bible Church? Pray together about these open doors!

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION/DISCOVERY:

- ⇒ Philippians 1:27-30 – ... Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,[e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

- ⇒ Matthew 25:14-30