

'The Unwavering Minority Church' Study Questions

Read Revelations 3:7-13 - The church of Philadelphia.

- 1. In verse 7 Jesus' describes himself as the one who is 'holy and true'. How is this different from the introduction in the other introductions to churches here in Revelation? What is the significance of each name?
- **2.** How might our church recognize His holiness and exercise the fact that our Lord Jesus Christ is holy and true?
- **3.** What does the 'key of David' represent and what does this relate to? What might it mean for the church at Philadelphia?
- **4.** What doors has Jesus opened in our church in the way of opportunities and the empowerment to pursue them? How might we take advantage of these open doors?
- 5. For what does Jesus commend the church in Philadelphia?
- **6.** Jesus indicates that He will make others ('the synagogue of Satan') to bow down and acknowledge that He has loved this church. How does it make you feel to know that Jesus has a special provision in His heart for our church? What would a church of such love look like to you?
- 7. What promise does Jesus make to this church?
- **8.** How might we prepare for Christ's return? What other parts of Scripture speak of being ready for Christ's return?
- **9.** In what ways does this passage encourage you to keep walking with Christ in what is sometimes a hostile world?
- **10.** Are you, or have you been worn out and in need of encouragement and hope? What can our Christian community or group do to help you? How do we find hope in the fact that even though our strength may be depleted, and we sense no options may be visible to us, we are still in the hands of God?
- 11. How might we express a Christian voice, both personally and as a church, in our culture today?