

LEARNING OBEDIENCE DISCUSSION GUIDE

QUICK CATCH UP

Welcome everyone. Catch up while making or having tea or coffee.

Use this time to follow up on a situation someone shared previously, or to find out if something new is happening in the lives of your group members.

CONNECT

Use this time to make a deeper connection with your group members.

Ask everyone in your group to share what they consider to be the most important lesson in their life, and how they learnt it.

LEARN SOMETHING

Open in prayer, and read Revelation 3: 7- 13 from the New Living Translation (NLT)

7 "Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open: 8 **"I know all the things you do**, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. **You have little strength, yet you obeyed my word** and did not deny me. 9 Look, I will force those who belong to Satan's synagogue—those liars who say they are Jews but are not—to come and bow down at your feet. They will acknowledge that you are the ones I love. 10 **"Because you have obeyed my command to persevere, I will protect you from the great time of testing that will come upon the whole world** to test those who belong to this world. 11 I am coming soon. **Hold on to what you have**, so that no one will take away your crown. 12 All who are victorious will become pillars in the Temple of my God, and they will never have to leave it. And I will write on them the name of my God, and they will be citizens in the city of my God—the new Jerusalem that comes down from heaven from my God. And I will also write on them my new name. 13 **"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches.**

DISCUSS & APPLY

1. Jesus specifically noticed that the church in Philadelphia had little strength yet they obeyed His word. **Why do most Christians compromise their obedience to the word of God when they are going through trials or in their moment of weakness?**
2. Have you ever personally compromised the word of God just because you did not have the strength to obey?
3. In verse 10 Jesus promises the church in Philadelphia that because you have obeyed my command, I will protect you from the time of testing. **Have you ever felt like your simple act of obedience to God's word has preserved or protected you from something bad?**
4. Jesus encouraged the church in Philadelphia to hold on to what they have – which was their ability to obey His word in times of weakness. **How important is it for you to be encouraged to walk in obedience in this season of your life?**

PRAY

Take time to pray for one another. Pray for the grace to walk in greater obedience, and for spiritual ears to be opened so that we can hear clearly what the spirit is saying to us in this season.