

# YOU HAVE KEPT MY WORD

REVELATION 3:7-13 // TODD DUGARD  
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**Jesus opens and closes all doors (3:7), and so we should be encouraged to persevere in his work (3:8), to await his vindication (3:9), and to lean hard on his promises (3:10-13).**

## GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In this passage, Jesus announces that he has “the key of David” and that he is the one who has the authority to open and shut doors. You likely have a set of keys. Which of your keys conveys authority? What does that key give you the authority to do?
2. Have you ever been inappropriately excluded from fellowship within a church? What happens when we try to take authority away from Jesus and keep people out of church for our own reasons? *(Think about all our struggles with unfairly and ignorantly misjudging one another!)*
3. Why would Jesus choose to keep a door shut? While an open door may signify welcome and access to God, a closed-door could be a form of protection. For instance, we may ask Jesus to keep the door closed on those who would persecute the church. What else would we ask Jesus to shut out of the life of the church?
4. Have you been feeling encouraged to persevere in Christ’s work? Where are you seeing progress despite public opposition to the Gospel?
5. Has anyone drawn a wrong conclusion about you due to your ministry or because you

don't fit their concepts of religion? Considering your coming vindication from Christ, how can you show forgiveness of people's misconceptions and serve where you were previously unwelcome?

6. Jesus promises to keep us from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world. Does his word reassure you about the future? How are the final statements in this passage meant to encourage us to remain faithful under pressure?