

CALVARY CHAPEL COSTA MESA

- COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE -

"The Open Door"

Rev 3:7-8 & Isaiah 55:10-13

Our Key passages this week were from Revelation and Isaiah. Read and consider how they encourage our personal and church mission.

Brian's Highlights:

God's word makes us aware of how He works today: does the work of:

- Salvation
- Transformation
- Joy and Peace

How does God show these works in light of our needy world?

Cheryl Brodersen shared at our staff chapel this week from 1 Corinthians 16:9. What doors is God setting before our church?

"For a great and effective door has opened to me and [there are] many adversaries."

Ideas for Questions:

1. Our God sets before us open doors. One door that is before us is the opportunity to be a part of God's ministry of reconciliation to the World.
- What does this say about how God wants to relate to us?
2. Think of a time in which you stepped out in faith to make a life change, share the gospel with a nonbeliever or serve in a new area of ministry.
- What was the outcome from your step of faith? How did the outcome affect your view of God and how He works in your life? What does it tell us about how we can trust God?
3. Think about the process that you went through in order to take that step of faith.
How did you deal with your concerns in the process? What were your hesitations? What were the things that made you want to step forward? What did you learn about yourself through this process? How have you grown in all of this?
4. Many of us know people who have made steps of faith in their lives to be missionaries, join ministries, or even on a practical way, help someone in need. What are some of the things that you observed in your friends' character, joy and level of peace?
5. Think of doors that we have set before us with regard to work, church, or our communities. What are some open doors that you can think of that we can walk through.

Group Prayer:

Break into groups and pray about the doors of ministry God has for us to walk through e.g. door of obedience in our daily walk, door of repentance when we know we need to change, door of faith to impact our community with the truth of the gospel. Let's pray for God to show us those doors and for us to walk through them