

## Letters to the Church - Week 7

Scripture Passage: Revelation 3:7-13

**Icebreaker:** Share a time where you were in a place or environment which was outside of your 'comfort zone'. How did you feel and why?

**Read:** Revelation 3:7-13

1. The church in Philadelphia seems to be dealing with a lot and Jesus acknowledges that they are running on empty but still holding firm in their faith. What types of things do you think we're sapping their strength?
2. Think of what it looks like to follow Jesus today. What types of things make it difficult or even tiring for you?
3. Jesus promised that those who opposed the church in Philadelphia would one day acknowledge that they were in the right with God. How do you think knowing that might have helped them endure their current challenges?
4. Where do you turn to for hope when you are struggling in your faith? What things energize you or give you endurance to hold on?
5. The church in Philadelphia:
  - had visible deeds (v. 8)
  - kept Jesus words and didn't deny him (v. 8)
  - kept his commands (v. 10)
  - was encouraged to hold on (v. 11)

What does it look like for us to do the same today?

### **Reflect:**

The church in Philadelphia didn't just internalize the ways of Jesus, they lived them out. That is why they were dealing with opposition but it's also why Jesus commended them and gave them assurance of their future. In many ways opposition is a sign that we don't fit comfortably in this world but belong to another Kingdom.