



# GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | STAY STRONG TO THE END

## WARM-UP QUESTION

Where's the craziest place you've ever fallen asleep?

## DISCUSS

- Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read [Revelation 3:7-9](#)

- Look at the symbols of the key and door. What are they symbolizing and how do their meanings impact your faith?
- What do these verses teach us about Jesus?
- Why is it significant that Jesus is the one who opens the door? Has there been a time when Jesus opened or closed a door for you? How did you respond?
- What kind of strength did the church in Philadelphia have? Did their amount of strength matter? Why or why not? How can you apply what you've learned from these verses to your life?

Read [Revelation 3:10-13](#)

- What themes stand out to you in this text?
- What is Jesus promising in this text? What is His role and what is our role?
- Where do you see hope in these verses? How can remembering the hope of Jesus help you when you are suffering?
- Where else do you see examples of perseverance or calls to persevere in the Bible? Read a few out loud.
- Is it easy or hard for you to persevere? From what you've learned through this passage, how can you persevere when suffering comes your way?

Read [James 1:2-4](#)

- What words or phrases stand out to you in these verses? What makes them stand out?
- How does James encourage us to see the trials that come our way? What does it look like for us practically to do that?
- What do these verses teach us about God's character? What do they teach us about His relationship with us?
- How does our culture respond to testing or trials? How can we live differently based on what we see in scripture?
- When was a time when your faith was tested? How did you respond and how did your faith grow from it?

**RESPOND**

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.