

**Church of Philadelphia**  
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**Revelation 3:7-13 (Page #951 in the Pew Bibles)**

**1. Weak but \_\_\_\_\_ Church v. 8, 10**

- a. Contain Little Strength
- b. Obey Christ
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Proclaim \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Demonstrate \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Powerful and \_\_\_\_\_ Christ**

- a. \_\_\_\_\_ Holy and True v. 7
- b. Holds \_\_\_\_\_ Open v. 8
- c. Forces Humility to \_\_\_\_\_ v. 9
- d. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Faithful v. 10
- e. \_\_\_\_\_ Again v. 11

**3. Challenging yet \_\_\_\_\_ Future v. 10-12**

- a. Troubling \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Relinquish \_\_\_\_\_ Christ
- c. Life \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Recipients of God's \_\_\_\_\_

# Study Questions

## Summer 2017: Week 9 of 10

(½ Hr. of Preparation before Connection Group, More is Optional)

### Looking Up to God:

This week our Scripture focus looked at Revelation 3:10-11, “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. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take away your crown.” My question for us to consider is, “Will Christ followers have to endure the time of tribulation?” Please realize that there are many opinions on this subject so this is not for us to solve the question but to have a time of discussion about what our future might look like as we follow Christ. You can google Scripture for this topic or here are some texts to reference to help in you answer this question: John 17:15; 1 John 5:18; Mark 13:20; Psalm 34:19-20; 107:6-7; Jeremiah 30:7 Revelation 19:11-16; 7:1-8

**True or False:** The church will not be part of the end times tribulation.

### Looking into Others:

State what you thought was the most encouraging part of this week’s sermon. Please be ready to state why you think it was personally encouraging to you.

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It appears that the characteristics of the Church of Philadelphia could be goals for a modern church. Below is a listing of the characteristics:

4. Contain Little Strength
5. Obey Christ's Word
6. Obey Christ's Commands
7. Proclaim Christ
8. Demonstrate Fortitude

Circle what you feel is the most important characteristic for LWC to experience growth, and which is the least important for LWC to experience growth.

If you had the chance to go anywhere for dinner tomorrow, where would you go? Why?

**Looking Out to Others:**

**True or False:** The church is not necessary for “not yet’s” to become Christ followers. (Does this answer effect any previous answers for this week?)

Does anything need to be done for your group project?

**Looking into Myself (Private):**

Notice that proclaiming Christ was part of the characteristics of the week but strong Church of Philadelphia. How often do you proclaim Christ to others in your sphere of influence? Should this occur more frequently? Talk to God about your proclamation.