



### **Jesus Speaks: Pt. 7; Philadelphia - Stay the Course**

In every generation, disciples of Jesus will face the pressure to turn away from the ways and teachings of Jesus, thereby denying his name. But, as we learn from the letter written to the church in Philadelphia, Jesus wants faithfulness from his disciples. And just like in Philadelphia, we never know what God will do through us because of our faithfulness.

**Bottom Line:** Stay the course.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What is a nickname you had as a child? Where did that nickname come from?
2. When you face discouragement, how do you usually respond?
3. **Read 1 Peter 4:12-14.** What painful trial(s) have you gone through as a Christian? What was your response during the trial (how was your faith impacted)?
4. **Read Matthew 10:32-33.** What can make it difficult for a Christian to hold to the Word of Jesus? In what ways do you personally find it difficult?
5. **Read Revelation 3:7-12.** In verse 11, Jesus tells the followers in the small church in Philadelphia to “hold on” so that no one takes their “crown”. What advice would you give to someone who is going through a difficult time? What does it look like in your own life to hold on to Jesus during difficult times?
6. Why do we sometimes not see the doors of opportunity that God has placed in front of us?
7. What door(s) of opportunity has God placed in front of you right now? Is there something keeping you from walking through the door(s)? If so, how can you overcome that?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group encourage you this week?

\*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.