

# JESUS AT THE CENTER OF THE CHURCH

Faithfulness  
Message 6

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## Outline

*"I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept My word and have not denied My name."*  
**Revelation 3:8 (NIV)**

## A. Introduction

(Revelation 3:7-8. C/R: Isaiah 22:20-23)

## B. Commends...

(Revelation 3:8-12)

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**Answers:** B. 1. Faithfulness

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

Where do you find peace and calm in a busy and distracting world?

### Prayer

Spend a few minutes in prayer, leaving time for God to speak to you. Ask Him to reveal His truth to you as you study.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

#### Read Revelation 3:7-13.

1. How does it make you feel knowing Jesus is so powerful that nobody can change what He's done when He opens or closes a door?
2. Describe a time when God shut or opened a door for you and how it impacted your life.
3. How do you view opportunities, or open doors, to share the Good News of Jesus? When it happens again, be bold and share your story with that person.
4. How do you live so others might say, *He/She belongs to Jesus*?
5. Describe when you saw an unbeliever begin to follow Christ. How did that affect you?
6. How has your reliance on God changed as we've learned more about faithfulness in the past 5 weeks? What can you do to rely on Him more?
7. How does the promise of spending eternity with Jesus strengthen you?
8. What are you holding onto that needs to be released to God? Take time to pray and give that to Him.

9. How have you seen God working in people's lives at Brookwood? Describe how you've seen that manifested in these areas:

- Worship
- Prayer
- Community Groups
- Care Ministries
- Outreach

10. How does the faithfulness of other Christians help you be more faithful?

### Daily Devotional

Spend time with God each day this week reading the Daily Devotional. If you don't have a Daily Devotional book, you can pick one up at the Information Desk or the Reception Desk or view it on the Brookwood Church app.

### Memory Verse

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### Daily Reading

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| Day 1: Hebrews 13:8        | Day 5: Luke 16:10   |
| Day 2: Matthew 25:21       | Day 6: Psalm 27:4-5 |
| Day 3: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7 | Day 7: Luke 5:18-20 |
| Day 4: Psalm 42:5          |                     |

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 24, we'll continue our series *Jesus at the Center of the Church*. Prepare by reading **Revelation 3:14-22**.

