

Valley Bible Church - Sermon Study Questions

Study Aid for the Sermon from July 6, 2008 "The Course of Discipleship"

Observing the text

How is Christ pictured for the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:7)?

How does Christ commend the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:8-10)?

What counsel does Christ give to the church in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:11)?

What promise does Christ give to the true believers in Philadelphia (Revelation 3:12)?

Applying the sermon

Knowing that Christ is pure in holy character (Revelation 3:7) and knowing that we are to be imitators of Him (Ephesians 5:1), are you striving to emulate the Lord by living a holy life? What areas do you need to work on so that your life may be characterized by holiness?

How will an understanding of Christ's perfect unblemished truth impact your life (cf. John 4:24; 1 Corinthians 13:6; Ephesians 4:25; Philippians 4:8)?

How are you doing at resting in Christ's strength, pursuing Christ's Word, and prizing Christ's name (cf. Revelation 3:8)? Do your actions demonstrate true belief in Christ? How would Christ commend your deeds?

What difficulties, trials or frustrations are you facing? How are you responding to them? Are you anticipating the return of Christ? Do you look forward to a future reward? How are you taking comfort and hope in Christ's promises and protection?