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## Discussion Questions

1. “Philadelphia” means “the city of him who loves his brother.” In light of the divisiveness in our society, what might it look like for our community to be marked by brotherly love? How might followers of Jesus influence such a cause, and what could your personal role be?
2. In Revelation 3:7, Jesus presents Himself as “the holy one.” To be holy means to be “set apart, upright, distinct and pure.” Many easily assume Jesus is holy, but disciples are told in Ephesians 1:4 that because of the work of Jesus “we should be holy and without blame before Him.” How might a disciple of Jesus truly live a holy life? Read Colossians 3:1-17 for insight.
3. Jesus tells the Philadelphian disciples that He knows they “have kept my word and not denied my name” though they “have but little power” (Revelation 3:8). The context implies they are few in number, perhaps with few resources. Can you and those around you remain faithful to Jesus if you are few in number with few resources? What might this look like?
4. The language of Revelation 3:10 implies that Christians will be kept from (“kept out of”) the specific time of tribulation “coming on the whole world.” (See also 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 and 1 Thessalonians 1:10, 4:16-17, 5:9). Because of this, Christians are often accused of being so heavenly-minded they are no earthly good. In what ways might this accusation be justified?
5. Take time with your Life Group or other friends and family to pray for strength to, with holiness and love, be intentional ambassadors for Jesus right now. Keep in mind that the time is short and the Lord’s return is coming.

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