



Walking Through Open Doors

“... I have set before you an open door ...” Revelation 3:8

I. God _____ His kingdom by opening doors for the cause of Christ Jesus.

- A. Paul’s prayer was that God would open doors so he could have opportunity to preach Christ. (Col 4:3; 1 Cor 16:8-9)
- B. Only God can open doors of spiritual advancement and fruitfulness. (Acts 14:27)

II. God _____ churches that look for open doors and walk through them by faith.

- A. 34 years ago a small group of believers saw an open door and responded.
- B. This day another door has been opened wide for CCBC, and with God’s strength we are walking through it.

Our Day and Our Door

WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DO THIS?

WHAT IS A MULTISITE?

WHY DID WE CHOOSE A MULTISITE?

- *Grow larger AND grow smaller*
- *New church vibe AND big church punch*
- *Less cost AND greater impact*
- *Move here AND stay there*
- *More outreach AND more maturity*

HOW DID GOD OPEN THE DOOR?

III. God constantly opens doors in front of each of us and _____ us to walk through them.

- A. What is God calling you to do in Fort Worth or in Parker County? (Matt 22:39)
- B. What door of belief might Jesus be calling you to walk through today?

“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved ...” John 10:9

1. FOR REFLECTION ALONE: **PREPARE**

- A. How would you express the Big Idea of the sermon in your own words? Were any of the thoughts new to you?

- B. Think about a time when the Lord opened a door that you didn't walk through. What kept you from walking through it (difficulty, fear, uncertainty, etc.)?



SMALL GROUP LESSON

Now think of a time when the Lord opened a door and you *did* walk through it. Why were you able to walk through it that time? What did you learn about Him through the experience?

- C. Read Colossians 4:2-4 and James 2:14-26. How does faith play an active role in walking through a door the Lord has opened?

Who does the Lord bring to mind as you ask Him for open doors to share the Gospel with someone?

- D. How did you answer the questions under Part III on the sermon notes?

- E. Talk to the Lord about any open doors He might have put in front of you. Ask Him to help you recognize them, and then to act on your faith and walk through them.

2. AT SMALL GROUP: **SHARE**

- A. What excites you about Christ Chapel being one church in multiple locations? (Review "Our Day and Our Door" on the sermon notes for reasons why CCBC is choosing a multisite.)

- B. Have someone read aloud Colossians 4:2-4 and Acts 14:24-28. Give an example of a time when God opened a door for you (whether you *did* or *didn't* walk through it). What was the outcome, and what did you learn?

- C. How would you answer the questions under Part III on the sermon notes tonight?

- D. What open doors will you pray for, as an individual and as a group? What plan are you making so that when you gather as a group you can "declare all that God had done" and how He "opened a door of faith" for others?

- E. Close by praying for some specific open doors that the Lord would put in front of you in the next week, and that those in your group would walk through them by faith. Plan to share any outcomes at your next gathering.