

DOORS PT.2

## SET LIST (worship optional)

Let The People Praise by William E. Johnson Spirit Break Out by Kim Walker- Smith Nothing Else by Cody Carnes Same God by Tye Tribbett

## **OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO**

<u>SCRIPTURE</u> (do not read until prompted in the discussion questions) Matthew 16:13-19; 21-23 | Matthew 5:10-11

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Enemies are necessary because they create movement. There are doors you can't get through until you face the enemy that is in front of it. If you refuse to engage the enemy that stands in front of your door then you will never experience the opportunity that waits for you. You don't get to posses the new level until you fight the adversity that stands in your way. Can you identify any enemy that is standing in front of your door? Do you have the strength to face it?

• Read Matthew 16:13-19. Jesus didn't really care who people thought he was. He wanted to know if Peter knew who he was. Once Peter knew who Jesus really was then the door opened for him to know what was next. Read Matthew 16:21-23. You have the ability to yield to both worlds. In the same conversation, Peter was being raised up then in an instant Jesus saw the enemy through him and rebuked him. When the plan becomes public the enemy will use anyone and anything to get in the way. How can you recognize if you are yielding to the enemy?

 Don't be the person that blocks someone from his or her assignment. The enemy will bring us bitterness, jealousy and anger to stop opportunities from happening. But don't be that person that the enemy uses because you are bitter, jealous and angry. If you see someone is blessed, celebrate with him or her.
Has jealousy and bitterness ever led you to do something you regret? How can you make sure you are not the person that blocks another's blessing?

When we think of someone being blessed we think that everything is going great for them and they have no problems. Read Matthew 5:10-11. You know you are blessed when people hate and revile you. God will give advantages and blessings to those who are being persecuted for simply doing the right thing. Do you ever look at other people's pictures wishing you were them? How would you react if someone left a comment on your social media post saying they hated you?

## **CHALLENGE**

This week pinpoint the moments you feel any bitterness, jealousy or anger. Write down the moment and try to spot the reason for those feelings. Tell God and ask him to take them away so the enemy can't use those feelings against you.