



Doors Pt. 3

SET LIST (*worship optional*)

Freedom Reigns by Jesus Culture

The Lion and the Lamb by Leeland

Way Maker by Sinach

I Will Bless The Lord by Tye Tribbett

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

SCRIPTURE (*do not read until prompted in the discussion questions*)

Matthew 7:3-5 | Hebrews 12:1 | Acts 16:16-24

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If enemies and doors go together you might see the enemy before the door. But how do you recognize an enemy? An enemy is anyone that seeks to increase a weakness in your life that God seeks to remove. Your enemy doesn't study your strength; they study your weakness. A real friend will not stand by and watch your destructive behavior. **Identify your strengths and weaknesses. Do you think you have real friends or friends that promote destructive behavior?**
- **Read Matthew 7:3-5.** A dominant weakness is usually a blind spot. Every weakness has a desire attached to it; a desire to find others to reinforce it. God wants to confront our weaknesses but the enemy wants you to self-sabotage. God is working even harder to get you cut off from the people that are trying to keep you in your destructive habits. Make sure you are

not the friend that keeps others in bondage. Be the friend that shows others the doors of opportunities and help them walk through it. ***What kind of friend are you? Do you still have friends on your contact list that you need to remove?***

- **Read Hebrews 12:1.** Life is not a sprint but a marathon. There are things in your life that are not necessarily wrong but can be producing baggage. There is stuff you may care about but God doesn't care about it such as, memories or people that don't have a place in your future. There may be people in your life that love who you were but don't love who you want to be. Put the baggage aside so you can run the race in freedom. ***Do you have baggage that you are still hanging on to? Are you willing to put the baggage aside so God can do his work in you?***
- **Read Acts 16:16-24.** It was in the best interest of the people to keep the lady demon possessed because they wanted to benefit from her weakness. There will always be someone who wants to profit from your weakness. But if we don't give our weaknesses to God and allow him to take over then those things will be passed on to our children. ***Is there something that you have been asking God to take away from your life, a prayer that always leads you to the altar? What is stopping you from letting go of that weakness?***

CHALLENGE

This week after identifying your strengths and weaknesses identify the people that are pushing you to either side. Take friend inventory this week and ask God if there are some friends that you need to take off your direct contact list.