



Make It Plain – Pt. 7

“Keys, Honor & Access”

Discussion Guide | Pastor Ron Carpenter, Jr.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Pastor Ron Carpenter, Jr. teaches that God’s kingdom operates by keys — spiritual laws that give us access to heaven’s resources. Everything begins with revelation: knowing who Jesus is determines the level of life we can walk in. From there, he unpacks honor as a central kingdom key, teaching that who we honor determines who can bless us. Honor unlocks access, and access unlocks opportunity, as seen in Esther and Joseph. Adaptation — adjusting to honor the room God has opened — proves we’re ready for that opportunity. Finally, battle is the key to territory: giants are found in the promised land, not the wilderness, meaning every struggle faced in faith signals we’re near new ground.

KEY SCRIPTURES

Matthew 16:15-19 & Matthew 10:40-42

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. REVELATION: THE FOUNDATION OF THE KINGDOM

- Jesus’ question — “Who do you say that I am?” — is the question every trial in life is really asking.
- Peter’s answer didn’t come from human reasoning but from revelation given by the Father.
- On that revelation, Jesus said He would build His church and give the keys of the kingdom.
- We can never live above the level of revelation we carry, because our life follows our thinking.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why couldn’t Peter’s answer have come from “flesh and blood”? What does that teach us about how real revelation works?
2. What would it look like to answer “Who do you say that I am?” honestly in the middle of your current struggle, rather than in a comfortable moment?

2. KEYS AND SEEDS: HOW THE KINGDOM OPERATES





- God rules His kingdom through keys — laws and principles that release heaven’s resources into earthly situations.
- These keys work for anyone who uses them, whether or not they realize it.
- Peace, provision, and healing are all keys already available to us.
- Heaven is settled and complete; it is earth’s responsibility to use the keys that pull heaven’s reality into our circumstances.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Ron said keys “work for anyone who uses them, like a door that only asks for a key, not your religion.” How does this challenge the idea that blessing is random or reserved for a few?
2. What’s the difference between begging God for something and using a key He’s already given you?

3. HONOR: THE KEY TO ACCESS AND BLESSING

- Honor determines what we can receive; Jesus could do no mighty work in Nazareth because the people there dishonored Him, not because His anointing changed.
- Every life source — parents, God, those who bring the Word — carries a reward, but that reward only reaches us to the degree we honor it.
- Honor is the key that unlocks access, and access is the key to opportunity.
- Esther and Joseph both gained access to rooms that changed nations through honor.

Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Ron said, “What you honor moves toward you; what you disrespect moves away from you.” Where have you seen this play out in your own relationships or opportunities?
2. Who in your life deserves more honor from you than they’re currently receiving?

4. ADAPTATION AND BATTLE: KEYS TO OPPORTUNITY AND TERRITORY

- Adaptation is proof of honor — adjusting ourselves to respect the room God has placed us in, the way Daniel studied Babylon’s culture and Joseph shaved to align with Egyptian customs.
- Refusing to adapt can cost us the very access we’ve been given.
- Battle is the key to territory: giants live in the promised land, not the wilderness.
- Every struggle we face in faith is a sign we are near new ground, not a reason to retreat.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to you that “giants are in the promised land, not the wilderness”? How does that reframe a battle you’re currently facing?





2. What “giant” in your life might actually be evidence that you’re standing at the edge of new territory?

CONCLUSION & CHALLENGE

The kingdom of God is not random — it operates by keys, and those keys are available to anyone willing to use them. Revelation determines how high we can live. Honor determines what we can receive. Adaptation proves we’re ready for what God has opened. And every battle we face is a sign we’re standing at the edge of new territory, not a reason to turn back. The challenge this week is to stop begging for what God has already opened and start using the keys already in our hands.

PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Sit with these questions this week, alone or with your group, and let them move you from asking God for what He’s already given to actually using it:

- What do I need to change? I have a key for it.
- Have I sought those keys out?
- What am I praying for that I already have keys to?
- In what area of my life do I feel “stuck”? In what ways — and what scriptures — can help me move from a stuck place to an empowered place?

MEMORY VERSE

“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

— **Matthew 16:19 (NKJV)**

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, thank You that Your kingdom is not random but governed by keys You have already given us. Give us fresh revelation of who Jesus is in every trial we face, so our lives can rise to a new level. Teach us to honor every life source You’ve placed around us — You, our families, our leaders — so that the blessing they carry can reach us. Give us the humility to adapt to the rooms You’ve opened, and the courage to see every battle as proof we are near new territory. We choose today to stop begging for what You’ve already finished, and to use the keys already in our hands. In Jesus’ mighty name, Amen.

