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# Welcome to the Metropolitan Community Church Ministry of Biblical Study Classes

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11:00am - 11:45am

#### **Key Focus:**

Exploring how faith opens doors in our lives and how we can step through them with confidence, trusting God's promises.

#### Introduction to the Theme:

# The Metaphor of a "Door" in Scripture

In the Bible, doors often symbolize pivotal moments where God invites us into new opportunities, seasons, or spiritual breakthroughs. Just as a physical door leads us from one space into another, a spiritual door can represent the passage from one phase of life to another—such as moving from doubt to belief, from bondage to freedom, or from fear to faith.

- 1. Opportunities: When God sets an open door before us, He provides an opportunity for us to step into a new aspect of His plan. For example, the door can represent an opportunity for ministry, personal growth, or a deeper relationship with Him.
  - Example: In Revelation 3:8, God speaks to the church in Philadelphia, saying, "I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut." This signifies a divine opportunity that God Himself has made available—a door to greater service and blessing.
- 2. New Seasons: Walking through a door can signify entering into a new season of life, one that may require faith, trust, and courage. It could represent a time of transition, such as a new calling, a new level of spiritual maturity, or moving into a phase of blessing after a period of struggle. 2

- Example: In Ecclesiastes 3:1, it says, "To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." Stepping through a door is often a metaphor for moving from one season to another, trusting God for what lies ahead.
- **3. Spiritual Breakthroughs**: Doors can also represent spiritual breakthroughs where God invites us to experience more of His presence and power. It may mean stepping out of a place of stagnation or limitation into new freedom and victory.
  - Example: Jesus refers to Himself as the door in John 10:9, saying, "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, they will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture." This highlights that Jesus is the entry point for salvation and abundant life—a spiritual breakthrough into the fullness of God's kingdom.

# Discussion Question: What does it mean to walk through a door of faith?

When we walk through a door of faith, it means we are trusting God enough to take action even when we can't fully see what is on the other side. It is an act of surrender, where we let go of our own control, doubts, and fears, and step into God's purpose with confidence that He is leading us.

#### Scripture Reference:

 Revelation 3:8: "I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut."

#### Lesson Part 1: Faith Unlocks the Door

#### **Discussion Points:**

- 1. Faith requires action. Stepping through the door requires trust in God, even when we can't see what's on the other side.
- 2. Faith often leads us into new territories, requiring us to leave behind comfort zones or past experiences.

## Scripture Reference:

 Hebrews 11:1: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

#### Example:

 Abraham's journey when God called him to leave his homeland (Genesis 12:1-4). Despite not knowing where he was going, he stepped through the door of faith because of his trust in God's promises.

#### Lesson Part 2: Confidence in God's Promises

#### **Discussion Points:**

- God's promises assure us that when we walk through the door of faith, He will be with us.
- Reflect on promises such as provision, protection, and guidance as we journey through faith.

## Scripture Reference:

 Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

#### Example:

• The story of Joshua leading the Israelites into the Promised Land (Joshua 1:1-9). God encouraged him to be strong and courageous, promising to be with him wherever he went.

#### Personal Reflections on Faith

#### Questions for Reflection:

1. What doors of faith do you feel God is calling you to walk through in this season?

- 2. What challenges or fears are you facing in stepping through that door?
- 3. How can you apply God's promises to overcome these obstacles and walk confidently in faith?

Are there personal experiences or insights about times you stepped out in faith and how God opened doors for you?

# Scripture to Memorize:

• 2 Corinthians 5:7: "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

# **Closing Prayer**