



Word Notes: Sunday 04/02/18

Clare Reed: Signposts 4 – Thank God for closed doors

Series text: Rev 3:7,8

We've listened closely to what we feel God is saying, we've tried to follow his promptings in the small things and earnestly sought to follow him in the big things. We are sure we're heading for the right door, and then it slams shut in our face. What's going on?

Study & Application

When a door closes like this, it can feel like we're in prison. Let's ask the questions: What does God do when his people are in prison?

- What we would like God to do.
Read Acts 12:6-11 and Acts 16:22-36
 - What led to the doors opening?
 - Can anyone in the group share a time when God dramatically opened a door for them?

- Is God giving me time to grow?
Read Gen 39:21-23
 - How did God use Joseph's time in prison to grow him?
 - Is anyone in the group able to share a closed door they are currently facing? How might they use this closed door as an opportunity to grow?

- Doors are not destinations
Read Phil 1:12-18
 - What was Paul's goal?
 - How did the closed door of prison serve to achieve his goal?
 - Can anyone in the group share times when a door has closed, but they can see how their real goal was still achieved?

Our vision as a church is to be "Connecting people with God within authentic community where all are welcome" This means drawing in people who don't yet know Jesus, making them feel welcome and part of our community. As we work together towards this goal, are there any doors which seem to be closed?

- How might we still achieve our goal in spite of these closed doors?
- How can we grow towards this vision where we are?

Finish your meeting by praying for God to open doors, both personally and for the church as a whole.