

## When HE Speaks Open Doors

**We are where we are to be who we are (1 Corinthians 16:8-9).** One of the primary ways God speaks is through **open doors**. Every day provides unique opportunities for each of us to fulfill the will of God in our lives. This is especially true of God's moral will for us, the things He has specifically directed us in Scripture to obey. As we live out our daily lives in surrender and obedience to His will, Jesus gives us the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven that unlock opportunities – He provides open doors – for us to pray for others, to bless and serve them, and to testify to all that Jesus has done in us.

### GET THINGS STARTED

How do you see and understand the idea of *God's will* for your life? Is it something you find challenging or frustrating to grasp or embrace, and if so, why? Which of three categories of God's will (providential, moral, and personal) do you find most encouraging or most difficult to understand?

### GO DEEPER

1. From Romans 12:1-2, what is necessary (the cause) to be able to test and approve what God's will is (the effect)? What does this have to do with hearing God through open doors?
2. From Matthew 16:19, what do the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven unlock? What did Jesus mean when He said that *whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven*?
3. What do the verses in Luke 19:10, Mark 10:45, and Luke 4:18-19 reveal about the kinds of doors our Heavenly Father wants to open for us? What kinds of open doors or opportunities should we be looking for?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. What needs to shift or change in you so that you walk more fully in the moral and personal will of God for your life? What is the challenge to, and the blessing from, living in greater surrender and obedience to God's will?
2. What kinds of open doors might God unlock for you personally if you step into greater depths of God's will?
3. What open doors has God already presented to you in this season? How have you responded (or how will you respond) to those open doors?

### PRACTICE IT NOW

**Take time as a group to ask God to speak to you through open doors.** Ask Him for a heart and mind that is willing to fully surrender to His will. Ask Him for an increased awareness of the open doors that He brings our way, and for the courage to step out for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Ask Him to show you how you can be a source of hope, truth, love, and encouragement when a door is opened to you.