



## Discussion Guide for “Philadelphia: The Weak Church”

### *Under Pressure Week 5*

How does a Church measure success? Is it with numbers? Activities? Size? By any of those measures, the church at Philadelphia was a failure – and yet Jesus praised them more highly than any of the other churches. What can we learn about how to be faithful from this weak church?

#### **Scriptures for Further Reading**

[Revelation 1:12-18](#)

[Revelation 3:7-13](#)

[Job 42:7-11](#)

[Hebrews 5:8-9](#)

#### **Passage for Sacred Reading:**

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [Hebrews 5:7-14](#).

#### **Questions for Discussion**

1. Who are some people you would consider modern day saints? What makes them saintly?
2. What makes a church successful? How should we measure success?
3. What commonalities do you see between Catalyst and the church at Philadelphia?
4. What does faithfulness look like in this season of Stay-at-Home orders?