

OPEN DOORS ON MISSION



Doors and Leaders Sermon Notes

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1. King Ahaz literally shut the doors of the Temple to prevent worship.

Today, what might "boarded doors" look like in our individual lives? What are the modern-day obstacles or habits that keep us from a close relationship with God?

Read Isaiah 43:18-19

2. Hezekiah took radical action in his very first month as king, despite his father's wicked legacy.

Is there a "new season" God is currently inviting you into? What makes it difficult to recognize or get on board with a "new thing" God is doing?

3. Hezekiah chose "foundation over history," looking back to King David and his grandfathers rather than following his own father's recent example.

How can we distinguish between our personal "history" (past mistakes or family patterns) and the "foundation" God wants us to build upon?

4. Hezekiah didn't just open the doors; he repaired them to their "former glory" to create a welcoming place.

Why is it important for our place of worship and our personal lives to be "welcoming and beautiful" to those we are trying to reach?

5. Hezekiah started his renovation project by summoning the priests and Levites.

If every believer today is considered a "royal priest" called to show others God's goodness, how does that change the way you view your daily interactions at work, school, or in your neighborhood?

6. Hezekiah's call for purity involved specific physical steps and removing "defiled things" from the sanctuary.

In our current culture, what are some "radical actions" we can take to remove idols or distractions that have caused our first love for God to slip away?