

Knock Knock

Conversation Starters

- Someone knocks on your door at 3:00AM. Would you be more likely to: be so startled you fall out of bed; walk into a wall and stub your toe because you're so groggy; never even hear the knock and keep sleeping; hide in bed too afraid to move; or, grab something to defend yourself and charge the door?
- We learn a lot about people when we live with them for a while. What would someone learn about you if they lived with you for a month?
- Share your best knock knock joke. (You can find some here.)

Review

Ask eGroup members to share their favorite points from the sermon, what spoke to them, a phrase or moment from the sermon they related to the most, or questions they have. If members have a hard time recalling the sermon, talk through your notes and share your favorite points.

Make It Personal

- Has there ever been a time opposition showed up when you were expecting something else? How do you usually answer when opposition knocks?
- Read Acts 12:6-17. Where do you see things that Peter did that put him in position to be able to knock in verse 13? What oppositions did he face?
- How do you identify with Peter? Are there any things you would have done differently than him?
- Peter kept knocking. Where in your life have you grown tired of knocking? Why?
- Why is it difficult to keep knocking when nothing happens or we experience

disappointment? How have you experienced that?

- What steps do you need to take to help you keep knocking?
- Read Luke 18:1-8. Why does God want us to keep knocking even if it seems like nothing is happening?
- Share a time when you kept knocking for a long time, and God finally answered. Talk about how that process shaped your faith.
- What does it sound like in your life when God knocks?
- When was a time God knocked on your door? Did you know it was Him? How did you respond?
- God can't answer your knock if you won't let Him. What's an opposition in your life you've been avoiding? What do you need to do to let God work through it?

Act On It

- Obedience comes before freedom. What's the last thing God told you to do? This week, focus on doing that next step, and keep knocking. Be ready to respond to opposition like it's an opportunity.

Prayer Requests and Prayer

Ask eGroup members to share any prayer requests they have. Record any notes or prayer requests to pray for members during the week.

Father, we're so grateful that You answer us when we knock — even when what You send isn't what we expected. Guide our eyes and our hearts so we can see Your hand in situations that look like opposition instead of opportunity. Help us respond with obedience so we can see Your perfect plan come to pass. In Jesus' name, amen.