

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

AN OPEN DOOR FOR IMPACT

1 CORINTHIANS 16:5-9

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## Four Characteristics of an Open Door from the Lord

- I. They lead to greater gospel impact
- II. They are strategic
- III. They involve opposition
- IV. They include risk
- V. Action Steps
  - a. Pray
  - b. Learn more:
    - i. Congregational Meeting this evening at 5pm
    - ii. Impact Campaign Booklet
    - iii. [www.penningtonpark.com/impact](http://www.penningtonpark.com/impact)

## Questions:

1. Go around and share answers to this question: how would you describe the season we're in right now as a church? Where do you see the Lord at work?
2. Open it up to the whole small group for anyone to share about an experience in which they felt like the Lord opened up a door of opportunity. Then, ask if anyone is willing to share about a door of opportunity from the Lord that they missed out on.
3. In considering walking through a door of opportunity, how do you discern the difference between the door being an opportunity from the Lord, a distraction from other people, or a trap from Satan?
  - 2 Corinthians 2:12; Colossians 4:3; Revelation 3:7-8
4. Though these four characteristics are not prescriptive, which of the four was most helpful or most challenging to you and why?
5. When you consider walking through a door of opportunity from the Lord always involves a level of risk, where do you fall on the decision-making spectrum (paralyzing fear on one side; impulsive action on the other side; wise obedience in the middle)?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 11 together. From this passage, why is it impossible to out-give God?