

SERMON OUTLINE

AN OPEN DOOR FOR IMPACT

1 CORINTHIANS 16:5-9

MARCH 26TH, 2023

Four Characteristics of an Open Door from the Lord

- I. They lead to greater gospel impact

“His reasoning provides a valuable lesson for those seeking to determine the will of God in a ministry situation. Paul wanted to remain in Ephesus temporarily because a great door for effective work had opened for him. In other words, Paul saw that his efforts in Ephesus were succeeding. He recognized his success as an indication that he should continue to work in Ephesus.” – Richard Pratt

- II. They are strategic

- III. They involve opposition

- IV. They include risk

“⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.” – 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 11

- V. Action Steps

- a. Pray

- b. Learn more:

- i. Congregational Meeting this evening at 5pm
- ii. Impact Campaign Booklet
- iii. www.penningtonpark.com/impact

BENEDICTION: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.⁸ It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.” – Proverbs 3:5-8