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A

Getting to know each other:

- Did you go away for the summer?
- What was going to church like?
 - a. Was it encouraging? If yes, why?
 - b. Was it discouraging? If yes, why?

What is the pressure the church in Philadelphia is facing?

Use the clues we have in the passage.

(such as: open/closed doors, keys of David, synagogue, etc)

B

- What encouragements are there for the embattled church in Philadelphia?
- Why is this particular encouragement given to them?
- How is it encouraging for them in light of the pressure they are facing?

C

- How is the church in Philadelphia now to respond after hearing these encouragements?
- Considering these encouragements, how does that help us?

Verse	Pressure	Encouragement	Us
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