



**THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD**  
**CHRIST THE LORD PARISH**  
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**LEKKI PHASE 1**

**DIGGING DEEP OUTLINES FOR APRIL 21, 2026.**

**THEME: AN OPEN DOOR**  
**TEXT: 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2: 12 - 13**

**TOPIC: Closing and Open Door Strategies.**

**Introduction**

The topic studied last week was: Walking through the open Door as part of our main theme “Open Door”. Under that topic, we looked at what it means to walk through an open door and the keys to entering open door. We learned that we must obey the leading of God, develop intimate relationship with Christ, we must take step of faith, we must depend on God’s strength and Grace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:12-13 (open door in Troas)

*“Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia. Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.”*

In today’s topic we shall be considering two key questions under two outlines namely, how do we handle closed doors? And what are the strategies for open door?

**OUTLINE 1**

Closing Doors. – How do we handle closed doors?

A. Summary of Key Points:

- a). Follow the redirection of the Holy Spirit
- b). Recognize and accept God’s sovereignty.
- c). Seek the Lord persistently without getting weary.

B. Scriptural Basis for the above points:

- i. Acts 16:6-7 (Paul's closed door in Asia) but a new door was open in Macedonia following redirection by the Holy Spirit.
- ii. Isaiah 22:22 (God establishes His sovereignty. He closes and opens doors)

*“And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.”*

iii. Matthew 7:7-8 (asking and receiving). We must seek persistently

## **OUTLINE 2**

Open Door Strategies – What are the strategies for Open Door?

- i. Prayer. We must pray for open doors (Colossians 4:3: Apostle Paul asks the church to pray for the Apostles for open door).
- ii. Walk in faith (Hebrews 11:1)
- iii. Be prepared (Luke 12:35-36) “Keep your loins girded and your lamps burning...
- iv. Partner with others (Acts 13:2-3) “While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said,”

## **OUTLINE 3**

Application

- Share closed doors; pray for guidance
- Plan a practical step to position yourself for open doors

### **Discussion**

- How have you experienced God's closed doors? Open Door to be defined.
- What's the difference between a closed door and a challenge?
- Share strategies for recognizing God's timing.
- How can our community support each other in open doors?

### **Conclusion**

Believers must recognize and accept the sovereignty of God. He can shut and no man can open and when he opens no man can shut. God has the Master key to open and close and we can receive the key through prayer and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Prayer**

Lord; close every door of failure, sorrow, barrenness, sickness, disappointment.... etc in my life and open unto me and my loved ones the door of joy of salvation, sound mind, restoration, good health...etc.