

# OLD UNION MINISTERS' SCHOOL - 2001

## Theme

### "AN OPEN DOOR FOR YOU"

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**Lesson: John 10**

**Introduction:** It would be sad if there was not an open door for sin weary people. Sin closed the door to all spiritual privileges, but Christ sets before us an open door.

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#### **I. Open Door of Salvation**

- ▶ John 10:9. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."
- ▶ This door is the escape from the wrath of God, guilt of sin, and fear of man. It is for you. It brings peace and happiness and, also, gives you a place in heaven when this life is finished.

#### **II. Open Door of Instruction**

- ▶ The act of teaching or informing. The understanding of that which was not known before. The Church is placed in the world to be the light, or understanding. She is to teach the Word of God.

#### **III. Open Door of Prayer**

- ▶ In a general sense, the act of asking for a favor, particularly with earnestness. The same door by which you received his blessings is still open to you.
- ▶ God has invited us to come before the throne of grace boldly that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (See Hebrews 4:15-16)

#### **IV. Open Door of Fellowship**

- ▶ Fellowship means companionship or mutual association of persons on equal and friendly terms. Jesus said for the Church to be one as he and his Father are one. Love and unity draw people to the Lord's house and help the Church to grow and enjoy itself.

#### **V. Open Door of Faith**

- ▶ Faith will open doors that are not seen. Paul said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me." (I Corinthians 16:9) Great in furnishing favorable opportunities for doing good. Effectual in results of labor.

#### **VI. Open Door of Power**

- ▶ "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Ephesians 6:10.
- ▶ Isaiah 40:29. "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength."

#### **VII. Door of Service**

- ▶ What is service? Service is labor for the benefit of another or at another's request.
- ▶ "Then said Jesus to them again, peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." (John 20:21) If you are a son, go work today in his vineyard. The door is open and the work is waiting.
- ▶ You may ask, what can I do? Do what you are told. Christ does not compel us to work, but he commands and invites. Who then is willing?
- ▶ God has set before us an open door that no man can shut, and when He shuts the door, no man can open it. (See Revelations 3:8)

***It is not yours that God wants, but You.***