



LOOP Study Guide You Have Access Week 2

Key Scriptures:

Romans 5:1-2; Romans 5:12; Romans 5:17; Revelation 3:20

Theme: Which Door Will You Open?

INTRO: START THE CONVERSATION

Have you ever known something was bad for you... but kept going back to it anyway?

- Why do you think people do that?
- Can you think of a simple example from everyday life (habits, food, routines, etc.)?

Key Idea:

It's not always about what's offered... it's about what we still have access to.

READ THE TEXT TOGETHER

- Romans 5:12
- Romans 5:1–2
- Romans 5:17
- Revelation 3:20

SECTION 1: TWO DOORS, TWO REALITIES

Adam Opened a Door

Sin didn't just appear—it entered.

Adam opened access to:

- Sin
- Shame
- Brokenness
- Death

We weren't just taught sin—we were born into a world where it's easily accessible.

Discussion Questions

- Where do you see this “built-in pull” toward wrong things in everyday life?
- Why is it easier to drift toward unhealthy patterns than toward healthy ones?
- How have you personally experienced this internal tension?

Jesus Opened a Better Door

Through Jesus, we now have access to:

- Peace with God
- Grace
- A new identity
- A new future

You're not trying to get to God—you've been brought to Him.

Discussion Questions

- What stands out to you about the phrase “we stand in grace”?
- Do you tend to live like grace is your home—or just visit it occasionally?
- What would change if you truly believed this is your new “address”?

SECTION 2: ACCESS SHAPES BEHAVIOR

Even though Jesus opened a new door... old doors are still there.

- Old habits
- Old environments
- Old relationships
- Old mindsets

Whatever you leave open... you will eventually return to.

Discussion Questions

- Why is it hard to “close doors” in our lives?
- What are some common doors people leave open without realizing it?
- How can access (what we allow around us) influence our decisions more than we think?

SECTION 3: THE REAL STRUGGLE

You can have:

- Access to peace → but still live in anxiety
- Access to freedom → but still live in patterns
- Access to identity → but still live in insecurity

Access doesn't change your life—the access you choose does.

Discussion Questions

- Where in your life do you see this tension most clearly right now?
- Why do you think people stay in patterns they've been freed from?
- What's the difference between knowing truth and actually living it?

SECTION 4: SHUTTING THE DOOR

At some point, it's not about learning more—it's about cutting off access. You don't just keep refilling the clean water... You shut the door to the toilet.

Discussion Questions

- What does “shutting a door” look like practically (not just spiritually)?
- Why do we sometimes over-spiritualize things instead of taking action?
- What is one door in your life that you know needs to be closed?

SECTION 5: JESUS IS KNOCKING

In **Revelation 3:20**, Jesus says: “**I stand at the door and knock...**”

- One door (sin) was opened without your choice
- One door (life in Christ) requires your decision

Some people:

- Close the door to God’s voice
- But leave sin wide open

Discussion Questions

- What does it mean to “open the door” to Jesus in a real, daily way?
- Have you ever felt like you were keeping God at a distance? What caused that?
- What are some ways we “lock Jesus out” without realizing it?

SECTION 6: MAKING IT PERSONAL

Take a moment to reflect:

- What door in your life needs to be **closed**?
- What door needs to be **opened**?
- What is one step you can take this week to act on that?

Optional Group Share

(Only if comfortable)

- Share one area where you feel God prompting change
- Pray for each other in that area

FINAL THOUGHT

You don’t have to live in what Jesus already freed you from.

- You have new access
- You have a new position
- You have a new life

The question is:

What door will you open?
And what door will you finally shut?

CLOSING PRAYER IDEA

Pray together:

- For courage to close unhealthy doors
- For awareness of what needs to change
- For boldness to fully step into the life Jesus has already opened

THINGS HAPPENING AT FRESH START CHURCH:

- **Blessing Bag Event - Friday, April 17th.** Join us as we pack hundreds of blessing bags to support individuals in our community who are currently struggling with addiction and hardship. This is a simple but powerful way to show the love of Jesus in a practical way. This month we are adding a special focus on fresh fruit! Learn more and sign up on the Church Center App.
- **The Table Women's Gathering - Sunday, April 26th.** Connecting Fresh Start women of all ages and stages of life for friendship, growth and encouragement. Event is free of charge. Bring a "theme based" appetizer or dessert dish to share. We'll be getting to know God and each other a little better. The Table begins at 6pm.
- **ImpACT Golf Classic Giveaway Baskets** - Our ImpACT golf tournament will benefit the Atlantic City Rescue Mission this year. Our LOOPs are asked to help provide giveaway baskets that will be raffled off this year to help raise more funds. **Bring baskets to the church by Sunday, May 10th.**

Here's a message from the tournament's organizer, Jim DiDomenico with more info...

LOOP contribution has continued to make an extraordinary effort by providing IMPACT Auction Basket Prizes. Below is a list of guidelines to help build your basket:

1. The basket prize value minimum of \$80
2. Arrange items in the basket nicely and neatly to show appreciation to auction participants for their support.
3. Don't hesitate to go outside your loop to help build your basket. Great way to extend God's love working through Fresh Start.
4. Creative ideas are wide open, but here are a few past gems: Sport Equipment Basket, Kids Toys Basket, Grilling Basket, Pet Basket, At The Shore Basket, Spa Basket (a gift card can be used to accent the basket)
5. Date to collect baskets is requested to bring Sunday morning at either of the services. Please put inside the big glass room in lobby. Truly Thankful For Coming Alongside Each Classic Mission Event