



Identifying the Open Doors

Multi-Ethnic Ministry Series: Video 6 - Dialogue 1

Group Facilitator: Take a moment to outline what the discussion will be, and open your time together with prayer.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:18-20

Opening Exercise: View Video 6 – “Engaging Our Future”

Give participants a moment of silence after viewing the video to reflect on what phrase or idea left the greatest impression on them. Have participants write down the phrase or idea so they don't forget!

Ask, “What spoke to you and why?”

Opening Questions: The Free Methodist Church is present in more than 85 countries; 93 percent of all Free Methodists live outside of the U.S. Within 80 percent of U.S. communities enough diversity exists for a church to be multi-ethnic.

What does this tell us about the church we are a part of and the opportunities that exist?

Scripture Focus: Colossians 4:2-6

Identify the important ideas in this passage related to prayer.

What might an open door for the gospel look like?

What might a closed door for the gospel look like?

Who opens the door?

Who walks through the open door?

What are the challenges of walking through an open door?

Why do people try to go through closed doors? Similarly, why do people resist going through open doors?

How is faith and courage vital to engaging our future?

Is the diversity in our community or city an obstacle or opportunity?

What are the doors God is opening to our church locally? Globally?

What do we need to dare to believe for God?

Personal Response: Pray for open doors for the gospel in your life, your community and your city.

Group Facilitator: Have participants close their time together with prayer.
