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Series Title: WHEN GOD OPENS A DOOR
Key Scripture: 2 Corinthians 2:10-13
Recorded Sermon: www.woodvale.ca/pastservices/v/when-god-opens-a-door
Date + Speaker: Pastor Mark Scarr – September 28th, 2025

Starter:
If you could walk through any door right now and instantly be anywhere in the world, where would that door take you—and why?

Discussion:

1. In 2 Corinthians 2:10, Paul speaks about forgiveness. How does letting go of past offences prepare someone to step through the new doors God opens?

2. According to 2 Corinthians 2:11, Paul reminds us that Satan has schemes. Why is it important for believers to recognize the enemy's strategies when God presents opportunities?

3. Paul described Troas as a place where God had opened a door for him (2 Corinthians 2:12). How can someone recognize when a door of divine opportunity has opened in their own life?

4. The sermon mentioned that a closed door may mean protection or redirection. Can you think of a time when a closed door in your life turned out to be God's way of guiding you? (Proverbs 16:9 may also be helpful here.)

5. Revelation 3:7-8 says that what God opens, no one can shut. How does this truth give believers confidence when stepping into new seasons?

6. The sermon reminded us that God strategically places His people, like important cities. How might this perspective change the way someone views their current job, family, or community?

7. The devil wants to attack the mind (2 Corinthians 2:13). What practical steps can believers take to guard their peace, so they don't miss God's open doors?

8. The sermon described the devil at the D.O.O.R. (Disappointments, Outcomes, Offences, Regrets). Which of these four do you find hardest to overcome, and how can Scripture help in overcoming it?

9. Titus brought Paul comfort and encouragement (2 Corinthians 7:5-7). Who has been a "Titus" in your life, and how can you be that source of encouragement for someone else?

10. Philippians 4:7 promises that God's peace will guard hearts and minds. How does peace act as a key that helps someone walk through God's open doors with confidence?

Reflection:
Take a quiet moment to think about one 'door' in your life right now. It could be a door that God has opened, one that seems closed, or one you're waiting on. How will you choose to trust Jesus—the Doorkeeper—with that door this week?

Tips for Leaders:
8. The devil at the D.O.O.R.:

a. *The **disappointments** in your life.*
b. *The **outcomes** you can't control.*
c. *The **offences** you can't get over.*
d. *The **regrets** of the opportunities you can't get back.*