



I Am the Gate for the Sheep

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Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin, please read John 10:1-10 as a group.*

1. Icebreaker: Imagine you're just meeting your small group for the first time. Spend time introducing yourself in 1-2 minutes. (Try and include at least one truth that will be new information about yourself to the group.)
2. How does listening well as someone introduces themselves help you relate to them better?
3. Why is it important to listen closely to Jesus as He "introduces Himself" and key truths about His identity in the seven "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John?
4. In John 10:3-5, Jesus talks about sheep hearing, recognizing, and responding to their shepherd's voice.
 - Who do the *sheep* in this passage represent?
 - Who does the *shepherd* represent?
 - What does it mean to hear, recognize, and respond to our Shepherd's voice today?
5. Jesus as "the gate" offers access to God the Father. Read Rom. 5:1 and Heb. 4:15-16. What additional light to these verses shed on what it means that Jesus offers access to God the Father?
6. Jesus is the gate, not a gate. What implications does this insight carry for trusting in Christ alone as Savior and Lord?
7. Jesus as "the gate" puts us in secure standing with God. (See John 10:27-29 and Rom. 8:37-39.) We have security in God's love, His presence, His protection, and His promises. How can this security we have because of Jesus shape your relationship with Him this week?
8. Jesus as "the gate" points us toward the abundant life we have in Jesus (see esp. John 10:9-10). Read Phil. 3:4-11, Ps. 16, and Ps. 23. From these passages, work as a group to compose an initial understanding of what an abundant life looks like, biblically speaking. Are there other Bible passages you would add to the ones already listed?
9. In what ways does our culture's view of "abundance" compete with God's view of the abundant life? How can you keep your life centered on God's view of an abundant life?
10. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
11. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?
12. How can the truth that Jesus is the Gate for the Sheep practically affect your life this coming week?
13. **Challenge:** Memorize John 10:9-10: "9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."