

## Good Morning Church Family – Journey Through John

Read John 10:7-10

**Devo Thought:** What is the purpose of a door? A door provide entry to a place. It can also deny access to an area. A door can give you security and privacy. Here Jesus moves the metaphor a little and becomes the door. He serves as access to or a barrier to abundant life. What exactly does this mean? For a long time, I made the mistake of thinking that my sin was the barrier that denied me access to God the Father. This is sort of right, but if we are to take Jesus seriously in this instance, he is the one who stands between me and the Father. Here is what I mean. Jesus dealt with my sin on the cross (He dealt with everyone's sin on the cross); therefore, sin no longer stands as a barrier to the Father. However, for me to enjoy the benefits of what Jesus has done, I must put my faith in him and in his work. So, for me to gain access to life with the Father, I must go through the door that is Jesus. This might help in understanding places in the Bible that talk about the unforgivable sin. You see, if you read that passage (Matthew 12:22-32), the sin in question is the sin of unbelief. It is attempting to attribute the work of God to something or someone other than God (speaking against the Holy Spirit), and the greatest work of God is what he has done in Jesus His Son. This is why Jesus can say that he is the door. He is the only way into the Father. It is only by faith in him that I can gain access to the Father. I don't need to deal with my sin (kick down the door myself); Jesus did that already. I need to put my faith in Jesus. When I do, I'll enter into life with God and experience the abundant life of the good shepherd.

Let us thank God that he dealt with our sin and that faith in Jesus is the way into life with Him