March 17, 2024 "The Gateway to Life"

-LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD-

✦Jesus talked a lot about believers being _____, and how He is the Great Shepherd.

✦Sheep need a shepherd because:

1. They are not very smart when left to their own devices.
2. They are directionless and are prone to wander. **Isaiah 53:6**
3. They are defenseless. **Psalms 23:1-4**

✦We must _____ ourselves and admit what is true about us and elevate God by declaring what is true of Him.

John 10:1-10

✦Verse 10 speaks of three types of people:

1. Those that believe there is more than one Gate to get to God.

2. Those that teach that you can get to God apart from THE Gate, Jesus Christ.

3. Those that deny their need for a shepherd.

When Jesus said, "I AM the gate for the sheep," he was calling out all those who *claimed* to be "gatekeepers" for access to God.

✦The main purpose of God giving the Israelites His law was to point them to the coming _____.

Galatians 3:23-26, Ecclesiastes 7:20, Romans 3:23

✦God's law makes our _____ evident, and our need for a Savior a necessity.

Romans 7:7

✦God gave the Law to _____ sin and demonstrate our desperate need for a Savior.

2 Corinthians 5:17

✦As Christians, we can now say that we are no longer _____, but children of God that sometimes sin, or as the Bible says; "miss the mark."

Jesus exposed the ways the religious leaders had replaced their calling to bring light to the world with these HIGH religious walls that kept all "sinners" away.

✦There are three functions of a gate:

1. Protection and safety. **2.** Entrance and opportunity.
3. Signifies home and belonging.

✦Jesus is the gate of _____ security, _____ opportunity, that speaks of home and _____ for eternity.

Answers: *sheep, humble, Christ, sinfulness, define, sinners, salvation, abundant, belonging.*
****all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.***

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