



“I Am”

Week three - “I Am the Gate”

John 10:1-10

Bottom line: We want protection without limitations, but Jesus is the limitation who offers us both protection and freedom.

1. What does it mean for Jesus to be our protector? Have you ever prayed for protection?
2. Generally speaking, we like the idea of protection and we like the idea of freedom. How do those two ideas, or desires, potentially come into conflict? In other words, are there ways in which things that could protect us also seem to limit our freedom?
3. Read John 10:1-10.
 - a. What does Jesus tell us He is **not**? How is he indirectly accusing the Pharisees of having bad intentions toward the people they claim to lead in faith?
 - b. What does Jesus tell us He **is**? What do you think it means for Jesus to be a gate?
4. How can things that feel or seem like limitations actually help us? What is a limitation you've experienced that turned out to be a good thing?
5. What does Jesus clearly state that He wants to give us?
6. What are some of the things that maybe keep you from experiencing the full life Jesus wants to give you?
7. How can you make more space for Jesus to be your protector?