



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## More of God in the Middle

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### Highlighted Scripture

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- **Psalm 46:10 (ESV)**

*"Be still, and know that I am God."*

Psalm 46 speaks of trusting God while the world is unsettled, not waiting until every circumstance becomes quiet. The call to be still invites us to release our striving and recognize God's sovereign presence. Shane's devotional applies that truth to full schedules, family needs, work, and problems we cannot control.

- **John 10:9 (ESV)**

*"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."*

In the Good Shepherd discourse, Jesus presents Himself as the door to salvation, safety, and true life. He is not one more item on a checklist. Making room for God begins with trusting Christ and learning to live every part of life through relationship with Him.

### Discussion Questions

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- Which ordinary parts of your schedule most often crowd out your awareness of God, and why?
- Shane contrasts adding another religious task with inviting God into what is already on your plate. What difference would that make in practice?
- Where are you waiting for life to calm down before you pray, listen, or trust God?
- How might making room for God become visible in the way you handle stress, interruptions, family relationships, or another person's needs?
- John 10:9 presents Jesus as the door rather than a small corner of life. How could centering your life on Christ reshape your work, marriage, worries, and conversations?

### Reflection Challenge

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For the next seven days, choose one ordinary transition in your day and use it as a deliberate invitation to recognize God's presence. The goal is not to create an impressive new routine, but to welcome Him into what is already there and let that awareness shape your next response.

#### **Ask yourself:**

- Where have I stopped making room for God?

- What am I trying to control instead of entrusting to Him?
- What would grace look like in my next interruption or difficult conversation?
- Am I treating time with God as a box to check or as part of an ongoing relationship?

**Try this:**

- Pause for two minutes to pray before beginning work, entering your home, or responding to a stressful message.
- Name one worry you cannot control and consciously place it in God's hands.
- Choose grace in one relationship by listening, serving, forgiving, or putting another person's need ahead of your preference.
- End each day by noticing one moment when God's presence changed your attitude, words, or action.

**Remember**

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- You do not have to wait for life to become quiet before turning to God.
- Biblical stillness is trust in God's presence and rule, even amid upheaval.
- Jesus is the door to salvation and true life, not one more task on a checklist.
- Making room for God should shape how you love people, handle stress, and respond to interruptions.
- Sometimes you do not need less on your plate; you need more of God in the middle of what is already there.
- Small, sincere pauses can help you bring work, relationships, worries, and conversations before God.

**Prayer**

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Heavenly Father,

Thank You that I do not have to wait for a quiet, uncomplicated life before I come to You. Teach me to be still in the middle of what I cannot control and to remember that You are God.

Lord Jesus, keep me from treating You like one more item on my list. Help me trust You as the door to salvation and true life, and invite You into my work, relationships, worries, and ordinary routines. Let Your presence shape my words, my choices, and the way I respond to people today.

Give me grace to notice You, courage to release what I cannot carry, and love that puts faith into practice. May there be more of You in the middle of what is already here.

In Jesus' name, Amen.