

## I AM The Gate for the Sheep

1 "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:1-10

## **KEY IDEAS:**

- 1. Jesus is the true shepherd and gateway to life: He saves and satisfies.
- 2. Destructive leaders/false teachers are thieves:
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They mislead us and harm us, drawing us away from Jesus and abundant life.

3. We are sheep:

Our job is to listen/obey (SHEMA) Jesus' voice.

## **APPLICATION:**

1. Be Humble:

Recognize that all of us are prone to being misled.

2. Practice Discernment:

Let God's wisdom shape the voices you trust.

3. Cultivate Attentiveness:

Fix your attention on Jesus' voice.

## **NOTES:**