

I AM the DOOR/GATE

TODAY'S PASSAGE: **John 9-10**

Three Truths from Jesus as the DOOR:

1. You will be saved.
2. You will come and go freely and find good pastures.
3. You will have a rich and satisfying life.

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: **I AM: Jesus in His Own Words**

Message #3: **I AM the DOOE**

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1. What has God been encouraging or challenging you with your personal devotions?
2. Share a time or scenario in your life when you felt like your life was most “full” and “abundant.”
3. **Read John 10:1-2.**
 - Who is Jesus speaking to in these verses and what situation is He responding to?
 - What does it mean to “sneak over the wall” in this context?
 - What is the difference between a thief/robber and the shepherd?
 - In this parable, who is the shepherd, who is the robber, and who is the sheep?
4. **Read John 10:3-5.**
 - Why is it so powerful for the shepherd to call his sheep by name?
 - How are the sheep able to differentiate the true voice of the shepherd from the false voices of the stranger?
 - Notice how the flock follows the voice it knows and runs away from the voice it doesn't. What does it look like for you to do the same?
5. **Read John 10:6-8.**
 - Have you ever felt like Jesus was communicating with you, but you didn't understand what He was saying?
 - Why do you think that is? What does Jesus mean when He says, “I AM the Gate?”
6. **Read John 10:9-10.**
 - In His own words, what was Jesus' purpose in coming to this world?
 - What does Jesus mean when He says, “a rich and satisfying life”? (Other translations say “life to the full” or “life abundant.”)
 - If this is Jesus' “purpose statement,” how can you partner in that mission with Him?

APPLICATION:

- What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?
- Use your responses as an opportunity to pray for one another.