

I Am [The Gate For The Sheep]

Discussion Guide

Summary

In this sermon, Wes discusses Jesus' third 'I am' statement from John 10: 'I am the gate for the sheep.'

The message focuses on the importance of discerning and listening to Jesus' voice among the many competing voices in our daily lives. Wes emphasizes how Jesus, unlike thieves and robbers, comes openly through the gate as our shepherd, speaking truth, love, and guidance into our lives.

The sermon contrasts Jesus' voice with worldly voices that often give misleading advice like 'follow your heart' or 'live your best life.' Wes stresses the critical importance of choosing to follow Christ and responding to His calling, highlighting that our eternal destiny depends on this choice.

Intro Prayer

Dear Lord, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts and minds to hear Your voice clearly. Help us to discern Your truth from the many voices competing for our attention. Guide our discussion and help us grow closer to You through our time together. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

What's the most memorable piece of advice you've ever received, and who gave it to you?

Key Verses

- John 10:9-10
- John 10:3-4
- Proverbs 3:5-6

Questions

- What are some of the different voices competing for our attention in today's world?
- How can we distinguish Jesus' voice from other voices in our lives?
- Why does Wes say that following our heart is bad advice? Do you agree?
- What does it mean that Jesus is the gate for the sheep?
- How has Jesus' guidance in your life differed from worldly advice?
- What practical steps can we take to better hear Jesus' voice in our daily lives?
- Why is it significant that Jesus calls His sheep by name?
- How can we help others recognize Jesus' voice in their lives?

Life Application

This week, take time each day to intentionally quiet the competing voices in your life through prayer and Bible reading. Keep a journal of the different voices you hear throughout your day and evaluate whether they align with Scripture and Jesus' teachings.

Key Takeaways

- Jesus is the gate that provides true salvation and abundant life
- We must learn to distinguish Jesus' voice from other competing voices
- Jesus leads us openly and honestly, unlike thieves and robbers
- Our eternal destiny depends on our choice to follow Christ
- Jesus calls us each by name and desires a personal relationship with us

Ending Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our Good Shepherd who speaks truth and life into our souls. Help us to tune our ears to Your voice and turn away from the competing voices that would lead us astray. Give us wisdom to follow Your guidance and courage to respond when You call. In Jesus' name, Amen.