

## John 10:7-10 | The Good Shepherd Pt. 2; I am the Door

### Congregational Reading

Matt. 12:30-32 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters. Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come."

### Responsive Reading

**Pastor:** What does it mean to be adopted into the family of God?

**Congregation:** All those that are justified, God vouchsafed, in and for the sake of His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number, and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God. They have His name put upon them, receive the spirit of adoption and have access to the throne of grace with boldness. Those that are adopted are enabled to cry 'Abba, Father', are given God's compassion, protection, are provided for, and disciplined by Him as by a Father, yet are never cast off. Those that are adopted are sealed to the day of redemption, and inherit the promises as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Pray.

Sermon Text

John 10:7-10 "So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

### Intro.

- Sum up Ch. 9 into 10. The Blind man. The miraculous healing.
- The Pharisees investigate the matter and make a mandate that no one is allowed to make the profession that Jesus is the Son of God.
- The entry discourse in ch. 9 is an example of what happens when the Good Shepherd opens the door for one of His sheep.
- The whole chapter leads right into this discourse on The Good Shepherd. It leads up to v. 21 of this chapter and finishes there. But this whole event is taking place at one time, one place, with one group of people.
- Of course at the end of the event they want to kill Him. 'They pick up stones to stone Him.' V. 31
- The same thing they attempt to do at the end of John 8. 'they pick up stones to stone Him.' John 8:59
- These chapters, leading up to chapter 12 are telling us definitive truths about Christ.

- **Culminates in ch. 11** with the Resurrection of Lazarus. Power over death is the illustration. Power over life.

Last week, I introduced this parable with two major components. **It's prophetic application** and it's **personal application**.

**Within prophecy**, we see that a Good Shepherd was promised. We see that bad shepherds were condemned.

**All of that prophecy** from centuries past in Israel is being fulfilled in this moment. It is all being funneled into this series of events.

That prophecy has a personal application. Is Jesus Christ your Good Shepherd? Have you heard His voice, do you know Him and follow Him?

I. **I am the door. An entry way.**

v. 7 "So Jesus said to them again, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep"

Jesus is the door. He is the gate. Jesus is the hatch that opens the cubbard. **He is the portal** into another world.

A door is an entry way. It is an entry way into something.

This is not fantasy, This is reality. It is the truth that Jesus is the door into Eternal Life.

Jesus is the access into eternal life. Jesus is using a common illustration to communicate a Spiritual reality.

Jesus is using a physical example to communicate a Spiritual truth.

There is an entrance into the Kingdom of Heaven. That entrance is Jesus Christ. He is the door.

**In Pilgrim's Progress**, Christian arrives at a location that is **called the Wicket-gate**.

It is a gate that is small. It is common. It goes unnoticed by most.

The gate is so regular and so pedestrian that most people miss it. Most people do not recognize this door.

They miss the profundity of the door because they are looking for something that it is not.

Like a greedy man looking for a treasure, they are looking for a door adorned with gold and jewels and pearls.

**Matt. 6:2 'I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.'**

Those who look for treasures in Christ **without** treasuring Christ have received their reward in full.

There is the type of person that comes to Christ for more bread and fish and leaves at preaching of His Word. That is the person that misses the gate.

Christ is the treasure and Christ is the reward.

**The greedy person** does not perceive the value of common blessings. The greedy person does not value 'every spiritual blessing stored up in the heavenlies' Eph. 1.

**For the greedy person,** The gate is too pedestrian for the greedy person to value the call of Christ.

**The door of Christ lacks** the excitement they are looking for. They are **looking for another thrill**. They desire something more alluring than the humble, meek door of the Shepherd.

**The door of Christ lacks** the entertainment value they desire. The door of Christ is just too lowly, too simplistic, too common.

This type of person will not miss the gate because it is not present, **they will miss** the gate because they do not desire it's humble means.

The greedy follow the shepherds that fulfill their greeds. Christ calls those shepherds, Thieves and Robbers and they come to steal, kill, and destroy.

**There are many doors available to walk through.** Each of those doors have a Gospel message. Each of those Gospel messages have a shepherd/ambassador/a diplomat of that kingdom's message.

There is only one door to enter Heaven. There is only one message that leads a person to and through that door.

#### **Many doors.**

The door of Prosperity. The door of Society. The door of Morality. The door of Worldly Wisdom. The door of Fame. The door of Prestige. The door of Tranquility. The door of Fulfillment. The door of Recreation. The door of Hope – the Gospel of you and your well-being and your future, **the central theme** of the message is you.

The central theme of all of the Gospel messages of the world is that you can get what you really want. The central theme of God's Gospel message is that He is going to get what He wants.

**Satan is making a bargain** for your soul. And Satan will allure you with all of the treasures that your heart desires. That is his message. He is a thief and a robber. It is no trouble for Satan to give you temporal things in order to steal your soul.

**Christ, The Good Shepherd,** is speaking with the conviction to save your soul.

#### **Man changing doors to home.**

I was talking to a man a few winters ago and he was telling me about how he was in the process of replacing doors in his house. He was talking about how the house would be a lot warmer with changing the doors.

I didn't know what he meant and I said how would changing the doors make your house warmer? He said they are all hollow core doors, **I'm going to get solid doors.**

In regard to all of **the variety of Gospel messages** the world gives with regard to these doors.

These doors are **all hollow doors** they **do not warm the soul.**

The door of Christ is a common/humble door. It is regular/it's ordinary means causes ordinary people to miss it.

When Christ came 'there was no beauty that would attract us to Him.' Is. 53

**The attractive Gospel** is the damning Gospel. The attractive Gospel is the allure of a false gospel. It is a false door. And it is a door that will not warm the soul.

**The attractive door is a hollow door.** It is hollow and ineffective. It does not serve to warm the soul. It does not serve as a barrier of protection. It has not depth or weight or stature.

It might give fleeting comfort to the flesh but it will do nothing to comfort the soul.

Someone that wants security in their soul wants to know at night that their door is secured. It is locked and will guard against criminals and thieves and robbers and the elements of life.

Christ is the door and when Christ is not defined as He is by His own words, the soul is malnourished, frigid, cold and left for all of the thieves and robbers of the world to steal its life.

### **The Many Doors of the World and Their Gospel Messages**

The door of Prosperity - The door of Society - The door of Morality - The door of Worldly Wisdom - The door of Fame - The door of Prestige - The door of Tranquility - The door of Fulfillment - The door of Recreation - The door of Hope

Each of these are a cheap bargaining price of Satan to steal, kill, and destroy your soul.

**The door of Prosperity** is the Gospel message that if you come to this Christ you will be given all of your world's desires. **Christ becomes a tool** for you to achieve what you really want.

The true Gospel is a dependent Gospel. God expects us to be completely dependent on Him. 'let your trouble be sufficient for today' Matt. 6

**The door of Society** is the Gospel message of conforming to the norms of society. Getting along is the highest expence of discipleship, being nice at all costs because the height of blaspheme to this gospel is to not agree with everyone on a superfisal level.

The true Gospel separates close friends, 'I did not come to bring peace but a sword'...'count the cost'... continuing in the Truth of Christ' word is the measure of the true Gospel.

**The door of Morality** ensures your life has no glaring outward flaws. Ensure everything is buttoned up and every careless word is cast aside. Every habit is corrected. And you end up with a religion and a life that is a door with no scratches that is hollow inside and has to peep-hole to the soul.  
There are many doors.

### **The subject and the object.**

The true Gospel message recognizes there is no good in the object of the message. All of the good is in the subject of the message and the subject takes action upon the objective. In the true Gospel, Christ is the subject and we are the object of His action.

- **Many families grow up in this style of religion.** There is no love, all law. There is no grace and it is godless. As Adults, the Children grow up and fall into every type of sin of our age and the parents say, 'Well we taught them the truth' – no you didn't, you taught them your own Phariseical version of religion in a half-hearted way to control their behavior. **If the religion has no grace, then the religion has no God.** If it has no God it has not opportunity to transform the soul.

Conforming a person's behavior to rules is not the Gospel that is dead religion, that is dead legalism.

The true Gospel **does not conform**, the true Gospel **transforms**. It does shape the current material, it changes the material. Ref. the miracle of the wine in John 2. The material was completely exchanged for the better.

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There are **many doors** and **many gospel messages** to get a person too and through that door.

But as it pertains to Christianity, there is **only one door**. Jesus Christ is that door.

## **II. I am the door. A protective barrier.**

**v. 8 "All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them."**

**As the door**, Christ serves as a protective barrier from thieves and robbers. From liars. From the deceptive and wicked forces of our age.

**These thieves and robbers**, these deceptive forces operate in 'hollow and deceptive philosophies' Col. 2

As the Good Shepherd, Christ protects you from these principalities.

Satan and demons travel in the realm of thought. A thought seed sown can yield a corrupt harvest.

The more corruption Satan and demons can sow at the thought level the much simpler the tipping of your soul.

Like a series of winding dominos, Satan would gladly erect a winding array of deceptive thought, only to push one domino and the whole structure come to the ground.

**Stay grounded Christian.** Stay lowly Christian. Stay humble Christian. Because enemy of your soul 'roams about like a roaring lion looking for who he can deceive.' 1 Pet.

Christ serves as a protective barrier. He is the door. As the Good Shepherd, He sleeps at the gate and guards the entrance of your soul.

Though the door is simple, and though it is not adorned with worldly décor, it is a solid door. It is a strong door.

The door of Christ is powerful and effective. It will guard the soul.

We do know that there are many doors, and we know that there are many gospel messages leading to those doors. Each of those doors and messages leading to a shepherd that is not Christ.

We know that many in the past did hear these thieves and robbers; So who is Christ referring to?

Who are the sheep that did not hear them? This takes us back to prophecy.

#### **The Remnant of Israel.**

**Is. 10:20-23 "In that day the remnant of Israel and the survivors of the house of Jacob will no more lean on him who struck him, but will lean on the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God. For though your people Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will return."**

The remnant are those who heard the Lord. The remnant are those who hear now.

But on another side of the coin the Remnant are the dregs of society. While Bablyon was prospering, the Remnant were being persecuted.

While Bablyon was building, it was doing it best to break the Remnant.

Christ has been and will be a protective barrier to the Remnant. Christ is the door to the Remnant.

**The Remnant is a group of God's people** who survive the catastrophe of God's judgment. The Remnant ends up becoming the lost sheep of Israel that are found. Those that hear God's voice and enter through God's door.

**Is. 6:13 "a tenth remain" – the Remnant are a 10<sup>th</sup>. It's not the majority.**

**Haggai 1:12 "all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the Lord their God"**

The remnant hear the Shepherd's voice. The remnant did not follow the thieves and robbers. **'the sheep did not hear them.'** V.8

**How is it that the sheep did not hear them? Their ears were attending to God's voice.**

**The ear is designed to hear one voice at a time. Despite the many voices, the sheep only hear one.**

**This Remnant is representative** of a group of people that persevere in the Truth of God during to a time period of judgment from God. They are those who remain. They are those who are still standing after the rubble. They are those who remain.

There is a huge problem and the Remnant are those that are still there **after the dust settles** and they are following the Good Shepherd.

**For the Remnant there is a time-period of comfort** on the horizon. **For the Remnant** the tide of God's judgement will go out and the tide of God's goodness will come in.

**Jesus is referring to false shepherds condemned by the prophets in the past and the reality of their teaching persists to the present age.**

### **The Greatness of God, Comforting His people**

Is. 40:1-11 "Comfort, O comfort My people," says our God. Speak kindly to Jerusalem; and call out to her, that her warfare has ended, that her iniquity has been removed, that she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins." A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all the flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken,"

A voice says, "Call out." Then he answered, "What shall I call out?" All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever. Get yourself up on a high mountain, O Zion, bearer of good news, lift up your voice mightily, O Jerusalem, bearer of good news; lift it up, do not fear. Say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" Behold, the Lord God will come with might, with His arm ruling for Him. Behold, His reward is with Him and His recompense before Him.

Like a shepherd He will tend His flock, in His arm He will gather the lambs and carry them in His bosom; He will gently lead the nursing ewes."

There is a great comfort coming to those that are following Christ. There is a great comfort coming for those that have come to this door.

Jump to Isaiah 41. **The door is a protective** barrier to the sheep to protect those inside and ensure those that have come into the sheepfold are guarded and protected.

### **God cares for His people.**

Isaiah 41:1,9- "listen to me in silence, and let the peoples gain new strength; let them come forward, then let them speak; let us come together for judgement...You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called from its remotest parts and said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and not rejected you.

Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God.

I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

v. 12 'You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent. For I am the LORD your God, who upholds your right hand, who says to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.'

Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you," declares the LORD, and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, I have made you a new, sharp threshing sledge with double edges; you will thresh the mountains and pulverize them, and make the hills like chaff."

The Bible regularly uses **earthy examples** to give breath and depth to life, showing that God commands His will over all of the existence of life.

A transition is occurring. We see this in Isaiah. A transition is about to occur in the Gospel of John. A transition of Divine Initiative. A transition of Divine Timing. A transition from Divine Judgement to Divine Goodness.

A transition occurs in the largest prophetic book in the Bible and it is a transition from Judgement to Comfort. But this transition is not for everyone, it is for those who come to the door of Christ.

The Good Shepherd is bringing comfort to His sheep.

The tide comes in and the tide goes out and the Good Shepherd commands sunshine on His sheep and He warms them and comforts them and cares for them.

This door that has devested itself of its own glory.

This door that has stepped down from an eternal throne and stepped **into a humble role of shepherding.**

This door, This Shepherd, was and is a King.

Being a Shepherd is a non-glorious role. Being a sheep is a non-glorious role.

The entry-point into the pasture is not glorious. There is no red carpet.

There is no allure to the Shepherd. There is no charm or seduction. Being a Christian in this life is not glamorous.

You will lose friends for following the Shepherd. You will lose jobs for following the Shepherd. You will lose money and the potential for profitable gain, because your intention is to follow the Shepherd.

As a Christian your aim is not profits your aim is faithfulness.

The Shepherd has one thing to offer you, it is salvation from your sin. The Shepherd has one thing to offer you it is rescue from this world.

And it is this shepherd that has to **open the door and you must open your eyes, your ears, and your heart and your mind to the Shepherd.**

**John 10:7 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.'**

**Christ is the door**, serving as a door, a protective barrier. Often Shepherds would serve as an actual door as they would lay down on their cloak, wrap up and sleep at the entrance into the sheepfold.

**In Galatia, where we get Paul's letter to the Galatians, Paul talks** about taking advantage of Christ opening the door to the Gospel.

**Acts 14:20-28 "while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.**

**After they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."**

**When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed. They passed through Pisidia and came into Pamphylia. When they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia.**

**From there they sailed to Antioch, from which they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had accomplished.**



When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.”

The Gospel is a message that must be opened by God. The Gospel in all places, at all times. We can be faithful to expound the Gospel, but God must work. God must open a door.

1 Cor. 16:9 ‘a wide door of effective service has opened to me, and there are many adversaries’

There was a general population of people in the area that opposed the preaching of Paul, but it didn’t matter, God had opened a door at Ephesus that was powerful and effective.

2 Cor. 2:12 ‘When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, a door was opened for me in the Lord’

The door to preaching the Gospel was opened to Paul.

### **The Church of Philadelphia**

Rev. 3:7-8 “to the angel of the church of Philadelphia write: “The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and now one will shut, who shuts and no one opens.

I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie – behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon.”

### **The Church of Laodicea**

Rev. 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in to him and eat with him and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

The Shepherds call is not glamorous. It is humble.

The Shepherds call is not enticing, it is simple.

The Shepherds call is not attracting you to Himself by means of the flesh.

The door is not prestigious. There is no glory for you in this door. The glory is His.

The prestige of the Christian life is Christ’s prestige.

Christ’s sheep do not hear another voice. Nevertheless there are other voices.

Christ calls these voices, these other doors and other messages, ‘**thieves and robbers.**’

**Theft is a serious sin** in the Bible. It should still be today, but we live in an age where dignity and respect for authority has been lost. Yet theft is still a serious sin in the Bible.

Those of you who are God’s sheep should take comfort, He will protect you, He will restore you, but thieves and robbers He will judge.

Ex. 22:22 'If a man steals a sheep, and kills it or sells it, he shall repay four sheep' for one.

The repayment of theft is not one for one, it is 4 for 1. Ex. 22:3 "**he shall surely pay**"

Deut. 24:7 "If a man is found stealing one of his brothers of the people of Israel, and if he treats him as a slave or sells him, then that thief shall die. So you shall purge the evil from your midst."

We live in an age where evil is tolerated and taught.

### **Swift judgement against evil.**

Ecc. 8:11 "Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil."

A little leaven leavens the whole lump. Tolerate a little lying you will establish big lying. Tolerate a little thief you will get big theft. Give a thief a

The command from God is to correct this swiftly. Immediately. Without delay and without preference. It does not matter who the person is. Lairs and thieves will be judged.

### **The murderer and the thief is the same person.**

Job 24:14 "The murderer rises before it is light, that he may kill the poor and needy, and in the night he is like a thief."

We see that here in the final verse, 'the thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy.' If it is early he will kill if it is late he will steal.

That is the aim of the enemy. But Christ has a completely different agenda.

The Good Shepherd **has an agenda**, He has a **list of items** to get done. **At the top of that list** is saving your soul.

**The Good Shepherd has a schedule** to keep. He sits on a magnificent throne in Heaven, collaborates with God the Father, coordinates with God the Holy Spirit, commands angels to surround you, and He directly to your soul to save you for eternal.

After shepherding your soul, He returns to His duty of preparing a place for you in heaven.

John 14:1 "Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."

The Good Shepherd is the Divine Carpenter. He has an eternal building permit. The entire earth is His. He is building for you an inheritance that you will receive.

The inheritance you will receive was payable upon His death. The will has been registered with the county, the Commissioner does care about your past, He cares if you are following the Shepherd.

If you have entered in this door, you do not actually die. It might be hard to grasp but those who have been born-again do not die.

Let me explain.

John 5:24 "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life."

Eternal life. This is life that doesn't end. It is everlasting life.

Eternal life is never-ending life. This is the Gospel. This is the point of the Gospel. What does the Gospel save you from? Death.

Eternal life is perpetual life given to you from a single-source; Jesus Christ.

Risen to walk in newness of life. A Christian cannot die. It is an impossibility.

Christians are invincible. A Christian is an indestructible figure upon the earth. You cannot be beat.

A Christian is unconquerable. **"We are more than conquerors."**

You indomitable. Unassailable. Unyielding. Unflinching. You cannot be beat. You have been bought with a price.

The blood of Christ purchased the soul. This is the Gospel. This is the message of entrance into the eternal pasture.

The only thing that can happen to a Christian is exactly what God wants to happen to a Christian.

**Christians have eternal life.** It is continuous. On-going. Non-stop. There is no interruption of life from this one to the next.

It is true, Christians live a double-life. They live this life and the next life. And they go from life to life. Victory to victory. All being led by the Good Shepherd.

Have you ever noticed how true Christians will get persecuted and immediately following the persecution they achieve some uncommon type of victory?

How is it possible that in the estimation of this world you could be persecuted and condemned yet come out the other side like a budding rose.

I remember going through a long term persecution. The details of the situation are a lot to share but it was most certainly persecution. I came across a friend that showed me at the end of it all and he said 'Belcher, you're the only person I know that can get flushed down the toilet and come out smelling like a rose.'

What he did know in my life was testifying to Christ the whole time. A God was using me as a witness to all of those people who refused to come to Christ as the doorway into His pasture.

John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

Christ took the sting of death so that we will never know death. Christ conquered death so that we would do the same.

1 Cor. 15:55-57 "Death where is your victory? Death where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Christ is King and He is King over death.

Christ has defeated death. Christ has defeated sin. Sin killed Christ on the cross and Christ over came that on raised to life.

Christ gives this life to all who would come to him as the door of entrance into Eternal life.

**The heavy door of tomb** was moved on the hinge of angels finger. The handle was turned by God's divine plan.

It begins at Him. He is the door.

### **III. I am the door. The passage to an exclusive location.**

v. 9 "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."

The pasture of Heaven is an endless green. I think people have a limited view of heaven. Heaven is a place where you will do things.

If Christ is working to prepare a place for us in heaven, doesn't it stand to reason that He would have things for us to do there? Yes it does.

There will be interaction, and personal relationships, there will be work to be done, you will be busy in heaven. There will be commerce. There will be dinners and gatherings and celebrations. There will be proclamation of God. There will be preaching about God and Christ and His Spirit. There will be singing. There will be talking in the streets and hiking in the hills.

There will be mountain tops and flowing rivers and blossoming trees.

**There's one thing** there will not be, SIN. Sin will not be present in heaven. Sin cannot remain in the presence of Holy God.

This pasture that the Good Shepherd is leading you to is not a better plot of land on this earth. The pasture is Heaven.

It is a place of purity. It is a place of no dread. It is away from pain, it brings seasons of joy and peace.

**He is the door.** He is the entrance. The way that you get in to this pasture is through the Good Shepherd.

You must know Him. You must know His voice. You must follow His call.

This pasture is an **exclusive location**.

It is exclusive, yet not fashionable to this world.  
It is exclusive, yet not posh enough for the world to embrace.

This exclusive pasture has one access point; The door.

#### **IV. I am the door. Life abundantly.**

**v. 10 “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”**

The Greek word for life is ‘zoe.’ It occurs 36 times in the Gospel of John. That is more than double any other NT book.

Life is an important concept that John wants us to understand. That Christ wants us to understand. That concept is Eternal life.

Life is the gift that Christ gives.

John 10:28

As a matter of fact, Jesus is this life.

All spiritual illumination, all spiritual light, comes from Christ.

Light is needed for plants to grow, photosynthesis. Light is needed for your soul to live. It is the light and the life of Christ.

Christ gave light/sight to the blind man in the last chapter. The same setting. The same location. The same people.

**Ps. 36:9 ‘with you is the fountain of life’**

In John 4, Jesus was the fountain of life at Jacob’s well. To the Adulterous woman, I would give you living water.

In Him is life, yet we see, that it is fast approaching the He will lay down His life. He must lay down His life to give us life.

It is a blood covenant. It has always been a blood covenant. Now it is a permanent, singular, eternal blood covenant.

Permanent, singular, eternal access to abundant life through one door. Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

#### **Worship team.**

Have you come to the door? Has Christ given you sight to see Him? Has He given you ears to Hear Him? Can you hear His voice?

Are you confident that you are following the Good Shepherd?

The abundant life Christ is talking about is eternal life. It is an infinite life in heaven. It begins here but does not end here.

We are moving to a pasture that the world does not know. It is an exclusive location that has one entrance.

The door is the owner, the door is keeper of the flock. The door not only shepherds the flock but determines entrances of the flock.

Christ is both the door and the Shepherd.

And it is in Him that we find abundant life. It is in Him that we are given eternal life. It is in Him that we do not die because He died for us.

#### Weekly Email

John 10:7-10 The Good Shepherd Pt. 2 | I am the door “In part two of this 3-part series on the Good Shepherd, Jesus identifies that He is the door. The door of the shepherd and the door of entrance into Eternal Life. This door serves as an entry point to Heaven and a protective barrier from the thieves and robbers of this world.”

#### Kids Questions

1. What does it mean that Jesus is the door?
2. What purpose does Jesus serve as the door?
3. What does prophecy from the OT have to do with Jesus in this passage? Ref. Isaiah
4. What is the only way to Eternal Life in Heaven?
5. What is the only entry point into Heaven? Who is the door and How can I know that I have entered through this door?