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All You Need Message Series Week 3 John 10:1-18 – I Am the Door; I Am the Good Shepherd July 7, 2024 Pastor Jeff Burkholder

Why should we follow Jesus wholeheartedly?

1. Because Jesus is the <u>door</u> by which we can be <u>saved</u>. (John 10:7-9, 28-30; Matthew 7:13-14)

"By entering in through Christ we immediately escape sin's penalty, so that we need not fear our sins will ever rise up against us. This is justification. Then, too, we also enter into a life in which we are increasingly delivered from sin's power. The Bible calls this sanctification. Finally, we look forward to a day marked by the return of Christ or else our passing into his presence through death, in which even the presence of sin will be gone and our salvation will be perfected. The Bible calls this glorification."

James Montgomery Boyce, *The Gospel of John, Volume 3*, BakerBooks, Grand Rapids, MI, 2005, p. 745.

Have I entered through the door to be saved?

2. Because Jesus offers <u>abundant</u> life.

(John 10:10; Philippians 4:19)

"The abundant life, as Scripture speaks of it, is, above all, the contented life, in which contentment comes from the confidence that God is equal to every emergency and does indeed supply all our genuine needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The contented life is the life of the sheep who finds himself in the hands of a good shepherd. There may be dangers; in fact, there will be dangers. There may be storms at times, even drought and famine. Still, in the hands of a good shepherd the sheep is content and life is bountiful."

James Montgomery Boyce, *The Gospel of John, Volume 3*, BakerBooks, Grand Rapids, MI, 2005, pp. 747-748.

- Am I experiencing abundant life in Jesus? Why or why not?
- 3. Because Jesus is the <u>Good</u> Shepherd who loves and <u>cares</u> for us. (John 10:11-13; 1 Peter 5:7)

 Do my actions and attitude reflect that I believe Jesus is a <u>Good</u> Shepherd who loves me? Why or why not?

4.	Because Jesus knows us, and we can know Him. (John 10:4-6, 14-15; Philippians 3:7-10)
	 On a scale of 1 to 5, how intimate is my relationship with Jesus this summer?
5.	Because Jesus <u>laid down</u> His life for us. (John 10:11, 15-18; Romans 8:31-32, 5:7-8)
	 Is there anything I am holding on to that is keeping me from wholeheartedly following Jesus? If yes, what?