



I Am the Door

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So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.” John 10:7

Do you have any pets? Who takes care of your pets? What does that involve?

What do you know about being a shepherd? How much do you know about the care of sheep? How do you suppose raising sheep differed in the first century from now?

Sheep were a major part of the economy in first-century Palestine, especially for the shepherds. Sheep provided them with food, clothing, and money. Needless to say, sheep were valuable and had to be well-guarded and cared for. Shepherds in the first century stayed with their sheep. They led them out to the pasture in the day, watched over them, and then led them back to safety at night. Shepherds could call their sheep, and they would come running like well-trained dogs. Shepherds knew everything about the sheep they cared for. Jesus says here that He is a good shepherd. He cares for us and protects us, and we are valuable to Him.

UNDERSTANDING

READ [JOHN 10:7-10](#).

What promises does Jesus make to those who enter by Him, the door (v. 9)?
What picture is Jesus painting for us when He says “he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture”?

How is this a contrast to what a thief (false prophet) comes to do?
In what ways do false prophets steal, kill, and destroy?

In what way is a door representative of a decision? How is it a picture of separation?

How does the truth that Jesus is the door contrast with culture’s view of what it means to have abundant life?

FAITH IN ACTION

Have you spent enough time in God’s Word to recognize the voice of Jesus?
What are some ways we could learn to hear Christ more effectively?

How should it impact the way you live to know there are people right now on the inside and the outside of the “door”?