

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: I AM THE DOOR

**John 10:1-10, ESV** – “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 What are some things you learned today about sheep and shepherds? How does this analogy apply to Jesus and His followers?
- 2 How does the thief and robber contrast with the shepherd’s approach? What are some thieves or robbers that you have dealt with in your life?

3 How does Jesus' role as the gate for the sheep relate to salvation and protection?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **Ephesians 2:1-5a, ESV** – *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins<sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—<sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.<sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,<sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.*

4 Describe our spiritual condition before Christ, according to Ephesians 2:1-3. What does it mean to be dead in *trespasses and sin*?

5 Explain the importance of the phrase, *But God...*

6 What does it mean to be *made alive*?

**B** **Romans 8:37-39, ESV** – <sup>37</sup> *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.* <sup>38</sup> *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,<sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**2 Thessalonians 3:3, ESV** – *But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.*

7 What does it mean to be *more than a conquerer through him*?

8 How do the pairs that Paul uses in Romans 8:38-39 illustrate the vast scope of God's protective love?

9 How does the promise of divine protection provide encouragement and influence the way you *go out* into the world?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week, we learned that Jesus is the only door that leads us out of spiritual death and into true, fulfilling life. Where in your life do you struggle to trust Jesus to lead and guard you? What practical steps can you take to follow His leading more closely this week? How can you share the truth of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and the Door with others who are seeking hope and direction? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to show you what next steps you need to take in your faith journey.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Psalm 121:5-8

John 6:40; 9:35-41

Acts 4:12