



Journey Church

The Gate

October 22, 2023

I AM: The Gate for the Sheep

The drama behind the parable:

John 9

The warning: A full life isn't found by pursuing our own glory.

Ezekiel 34:1-16, Philippians 2:3-11

The invitation: relationship.

Revelation 3:20, John 17:3

Functions of the gate:

Matthew 23, Romans 3:23-24, Ephesians 2:18, 3:12

- Protects from danger
- Provides a way
- Gives access

Characteristics of the sheep:

- Follow the shepherd's voice
- Know where to find abundant life

Questions/Topics for this week:

1. What do you view as the difference between religion and relationship? Have you ever felt the tension of being “in religion” with God? Explain.
2. What role do you feel humility has played in your relationship with God? How has pride derailed it?
3. What do you think Jesus means when he offers a full or abundant life? How do you think that life can be stolen, killed or destroyed?

Be Intentional:

- This week contemplate an abundant life with Jesus and how you can encourage others in their abundant life with Him.
- In preparation for next week, read John 10: 11 – 21 – “I am the Good Shepherd.”

Pray:

Spend time praying together. What are some ways in which you can pray for each other? Take some time in the coming week to explore ways in which you can encourage one another. Remember to share with your group what you are learning about those opportunities and reflect on God’s Word as you pray for each other.