

Message Notes | The God We Need

Part 3: The Gate

John 10:1-10

- seeing where you want to be, but no way to get there
- the man born blind in John chapter 9

#1 When doors are _____, there's always a _____.

- a story for the Pharisees - **vs. 1-6**
- one aspect of the story explained - **vs. 7-9**

#2 Jesus is the Gate to _____.

- there will be thieves - **vs. 10**

#3 Some doors you _____ are better _____.

- better than a God who opens every door - **vs. 10**

#4 _____ the Gate.

Group Questions | The God We Need

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1. Are there any "opportunities" in your past that seemed good at the moment but later proved to be disastrous? Share it with the group.
2. **Read John 10:1-6.** Who was the audience Jesus was addressing, and what message was he conveying to them?
3. The blind man from John 9 faced a situation where the Pharisees wrongly threw him out of their religious community. What's the difference between a Christian friend lovingly pointing you back to God's truth and someone unfairly judging you? How have you experienced both in your own life?
4. **Read John 10:7-10.** In the context of the man who was born blind, and the Pharisees who wrongly threw him out, what was Jesus declaring when he said "I am the Gate"?
5. Putting it in your own words, what does it mean for you that Jesus is "the Gate"?
6. **In John 10:10,** Jesus warned about thieves. While it's easy to see how the devil and some people in your life want to harm you, how might you knowingly or unknowingly be a thief to others?
7. What doors have you been asking God to open in your life, and how does John 10 shape the way you think about them?
8. Share an example of what it will look like to "Walk through the Gate" this week.

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#2 Jesus is the Gate to everything you need.

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#3 Some doors you want opened are better left closed.

- better than a God who opens every door - **vs. 10**

#4 Walk through the Gate.

Bible Reading for Today

John 10:1-10

"Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. ⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.