

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / MARCH 24

TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

Read

Read John 10:1–10 and consider making some observations about the passage.

Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- “Jesus is the Door. He’s the one gateway back into the presence of God.”
- “If you are attracted to Jesus, it’s because the Father drew you. No one comes to Jesus unless the Father draws him.”
- “On the one hand, only Jesus gives spiritual sight. And on the other—if you haven’t come to Jesus, that’s on you, not on him.”
- “You were created for Jesus—by his design, for his love, to thrive under his rule.”
- “Jesus stood between us and the consequences of sin and death and absorbed them into his own body.”

Group Discussion

1. In John 10:1–10, Jesus contrasts the shepherd’s entry through the gate with a thief climbing in elsewhere. What is Jesus teaching through this contrast?
2. Consider the imagery of Jesus’ death tearing the veil, thus offering us direct access to God. How does his death and resurrection give us this access? In what ways can we regularly use the privilege that Christ grants us to access God?
3. How does the belief that Jesus is the only door to God impact our dialogue with people of other faiths or beliefs?
4. How does recognizing Jesus as the door influence your sense of security and protection in daily life?
5. Consider John 10:10. How does the abundant life Jesus offers differ from the world’s view of success and happiness?

DIG DEEPER

- Read Ezekiel 34.** Reflect on the shepherd imagery in Ezekiel 34 and John 10. How do these passages compare in their depictions of good and bad shepherds, and what implications does Jesus being the “Good Shepherd” have for understanding his role in contrast to the leaders criticized in Ezekiel? How is Jesus different from the Pharisees in terms of spiritual leadership?

PRAYER

- Pray that God would grant us discernment to recognize and follow Jesus, the true Shepherd, in a world filled with voices competing for our attention and loyalty.
- Ask God for the courage and opportunity to share the truth and hope found in Jesus with those around us, especially those who may be following “thieves and robbers” unknowingly.