What LIFE Are YOU Living?

Week of November 13

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VERSES - John 10:9-10 (CSB)

After prayer, read the Scripture for this study written below:

Jesus says, 9 "I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10 A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance."

CONNECT

Read the list below and check which of these is what Jesus meant by abundant life:

- Living a long, healthy life?
- Having an abundance of material things?
- Having joy in times of trials in life?
- Having the peace of God and at peace with your family and other believers?
- Having the ability to do lots of traveling?
- Having compassion and being able to forgive others?

STUDY

1. What does Jesus mean, “I am the gate?” (John 10:7-8; Psalm 95:7)

2. Jesus says, “If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” Discuss and use Scripture to specifically define “true salvation” and discuss what Jesus means, “If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.” (John 14:6; John 3:16-17)

3. Who was the audience that Jesus was talking to when He proclaimed Himself as the savior?

☕ **DISCUSS 1:** Jesus says in verse 10 *“I have come so that you may have life and have it in abundance.”* Does abundant life come automatically as a result of salvation, of being born again?

☕ **DISCUSS 2:** Read the following statements quoted from Dr. Henry T. Blackaby, from his devotional book, “Experiencing God Day-by-Day” and then discuss his statements as they relate to the words of Jesus in John 10:10, quoted above.

“If you serve the Lord out of duty or habit, but not out of joy and gratitude, you will feel like a martyr. You will envy those who are experiencing joy in the Lord while you feel weighed down by the work you are doing. This is not the abundant life your Father has planned for you. Come to the celebration, spend time with the Father, and share in His joy!”

What three things does Henry Blackaby encourage believers to do to have an abundant life?

SHARE

Think about the past three years and focus your thoughts on the presence of Covid in society and in work and in school and in your family, and in your worship. Jesus said, “I have come that you may have life and have it in abundance.”

Talk about the presence of or the absence of abundant life during the past three years.

GROW

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific personal prayer requests.

- Focus on praying for God’s grace in living a more abundant life in Christ.
- Pray for guidance to serve in ministry, those who are technically skilled are in great need; contact: jesse@tokyobaptist.org