

Week of February 22, 2026 - I AM The Gate | Small Group Lesson 3

Connect

Have you ever been shut out at a gate? How did you feel about that experience, and how did you manage your emotions? Note: A gate can be either tangible or relational.

Verses - John 10:1-10 (CSB)

1 “Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn’t enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in 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 it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads
them out. 4 When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him
because they know his voice. 5 They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from
him, because they don’t know the voice of strangers.” 6 Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but
they did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Jesus said again, “Truly I tell you, I am the gate
for the sheep. 8 All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn’t listen to them.
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 they may have life
and have it in abundance.

Study & Apply

1. How do you tell the difference between “a thief and a robber” and “a shepherd” (John 10:1, 8)? In Jesus’ day, who were the thieves and robbers? In the present time, who are they? How do you know they are not the true shepherd?

2. Read John 9:35-4. Why did the Pharisees not understand what Jesus was talking about despite their knowledge about the law and commitment to it (John 10:6)? What might be a possible reason that hinders you from understanding God’s word? Share with your group.

3. Jesus claims to be the only gate to the sheep pen (John 10:7, 9). What does this truth about Jesus mean, and how does it affect your life? Also, based on this truth, how will you treat people who believe in a “gate” other than Jesus? What does God tell you to do?

4. Identify three benefits that anyone will receive after entering the sheep pen by Jesus (John 10:9). Which among these three do you need the most now? What will you do to receive such a benefit from Jesus?

5. What are some ways you and your small group can plan to share with non-believers that Jesus is “the Gate”? Share some outreach ideas with your group and pray about practicing at least one of them.

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.

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