

Jesus is the Door

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Scripture:

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

(Jn. 10:7-10 ESV)

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1) The shepherd's purpose is to _____.

2) The shepherd's purpose is to _____.

3) The shepherd's purpose is to _____.

Remember:

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. (Rev. 3:20 ESV)

Reflect:

“While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.”

– St. Francis of Assisi

Seek:

- 1) Jesus informs His disciples, and each of us, that he is the “door of the sheep.” In essence, He informs us that He is our only access to the covenant community of believers, and it is for those who believe in Him that He permits access. When was the last time you thanked Him for making a way for you to enter a relationship with Him?

- 2) Doors can serve at least two important purposes; to grant access and to give protection. Have you ever considered this second point? What does it mean to you to know that Jesus not only grants you access to the Father, but also protects you from the enemy?

Share:

- 1) In verse nine, Jesus tells us that those who enter in through the door “will be saved.” The Greek word for “saved” (*sōzō*) means “to save, to keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction.” What has the Good Shepherd rescued you from? How can you show Him you are grateful for what He has done?

Serve:

- 1) Knowing that Jesus has granted all who hear his voice access to the sheepfold, what can you do to bring others into a new relationship of *protection, provision, and care*?

Prayer:

Pray together, in complete sentence prayers, and thank the Lord for all that He has done in *protecting, providing, and caring* for you in all things. Ask what you can do to help bring others into His caring arms.