



I AM the Door

IN - helping a sense of belonging...

- What are the things that most give you peace?
- How do you deal with stressful situations?

UP - hearing from God and growing...

Read the Passage and try to visualise the metaphor of Jesus being the door:

- Describe the kind of images that come to mind
- What strikes you about the metaphor of Jesus being 'the gate'?

Look at verse 10

- How do you understand the terms 'be saved' (v8) 'find pasture' (v9) and 'life to the full' (v10) Would you say these things are for the present or the future or both? How would you illustrate these from your own life?
- What do you understand by 'the thief comes to steal and kill and destroy'? What examples can you identify of this in your own life? What do you think is a right response to the 'thief'?
- How and to what degree does v10 apply to issues of our need for peace and our experiences of anxiety?

OUT - impacting others...

- How would you explain v10 to someone who was not a Christian?
- What might it look like in practice to be someone who brings peace and life to others this coming week?

BIBLE READING:

John 10: 1-10

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“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. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 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. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

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