

**DISCOVERING LIFE TOGETHER SERIES: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**  
**I AM THE DOOR/GOOD SHEPHERD — JOHN 10:1–21**

**NOTES:** *Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, is relevant in life and culture today.*

**Questions for Community Groups and Individual Bible Study**

**For Starters:** What is your learning style: visual, auditory, reading/writing, kinesthetic/hands-on? Why do most people learn best through a variety of learning styles? Discuss.

**The Basics:** What symbols, pictures, and illustrations did Jesus use to reveal His identity, character and nature in John 10:1–21? As you read the passage, what stands out to you and why?

**Quick-Fire Round — John 10:1–21**

- Why did Jesus refer to Himself as *the door* (Psalm 118:19–20)? Who was Jesus referencing as robbers and thieves? Compare and contrast Psalm 23 with Ezekiel 34:1–24. Who could the robbers, thieves, or hired hands be today (Matthew 7:15)?
- What are some specific characteristics of the *Good Shepherd*? Discuss qualities such as abundance, provision, protection, sacrifice, discipline, care, intimacy, abundance, security, love. Have you experienced Jesus this way? Does this description of Jesus change your view of Him? If so, how?
- Read John 3:16, 20:31, John 10:4, 9, 16, Matthew 7:21–23, Galatians 3:26–29, and Ephesians 4:4–6. Who are the real flock? What are the actual signs of belonging to God’s family?
- Read Revelation 7:9–10. Who or what constitutes the church today? How should we, the church, respond to God, one another, and live in community *beyond the building*?

**The challenge:** Followers of Jesus know and follow His voice. How can you cultivate the following in your life: 1. Sensitivity to His leading; 2. Eagerness to obey His voice; 3. Confidence in Christ; 4. Security in your identity belonging to Him? How could your life be different if you cultivated these qualities?

**Memorize John 10:10** I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

**Prayer:** *Father, thank you that Jesus is the Good Shepherd. I know that He sacrificed His life for mine and He watches over me today. Help me cultivate the qualities of listening to your voice and obeying your commands. Amen.*