Seven “I AM” Series (#3 - #4)

Jesus is the Gate and the Good Shepherd

# John 10:1-21 Key Verse: 11

1. Compare the thief with the shepherd (1-5). How does the sheep distinguish the shepherd’s voice? How does the shepherd lead the flock?

**Application:** What are some modern day examples of thieves or strangers? How can you distinguish Jesus’ voice from the stranger’s?

2. What declaration does Jesus make about himself (6-7)? Who were the false shepherds that came before Jesus (8)? In what sense is Jesus the gate (9)? What is the benefit of entering through the gate and what happens if we don’t (10; Mt 7:13-14)?

**Application:** How is Jesus giving you life to the full by entering through him?

3. What is the meaning of Jesus’ claim: “I am the good shepherd” (11)? How did Jesus prove that he is the good shepherd (Ro 5:8)? How is the hired hand different from the good shepherd (12-13)?

**Application:** Have you experienced that Jesus has been a good shepherd to you?

4. What does it mean to “know” Jesus and to be known by him (14-15)? What does verse 16 reveal about Jesus’ heart for the world? Why is it significant that Jesus laid down his life (17-18)? How did people respond differently to Jesus’ words (19-21)?

**Application:** What can you do this week to grow in closer relationship with Jesus and to know him as your good shepherd?