

Sermon Guide

Teaching Series - Also Known As

Sermon Title - "I AM - the gate"

Sermon Date - Sunday May 10, 2026

Warm Up Question - Who is someone whose voice you can recognize instantly? Why?

Teaching Text: John 10:1-10

Study Questions: (Study questions are meant to support better understanding of the teaching text or encourage further study.)

1. Reflect on what Pastor Ryan taught about first century shepherding. What is the purpose of the gate? Why was it important for sheep to know their shepherd's voice? What predators did the sheep have?
2. John 9:39-41 speaks into the context of Jesus' "I am the gate" statement. What do we learn about shepherd rivals? What contrast does Jesus make between Himself and "thieves and robbers"? (John 10:8)
3. Why do you think Jesus uses this shepherd/sheep metaphor? What does "being saved" look like in the imagery Jesus uses here?

Application Questions: (Application questions are intended to promote conversation on how God is directing us to apply the sermon, either personally or to the group as a whole.)

1. How do you personally recognize Jesus' voice in your life? How have you grown in your walk with Jesus to know His voice more?
2. What are some "voices" or "noises" that compete with Jesus for your attention? Are there areas where you might be following a "stranger" instead of the shepherd?
3. How would you say Jesus functions as a gate in your life? How does Jesus provide security for you? How does He provide you with "abundant life" right now?

Pray: Take time together to listen to the Spirit's leading and pray God's will for one another.

Bonus: Matthew 7:13-14 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction... Hebrews 10:19-22