

DISCUSSION GUIDE

I AM the Gate | John 10:9

December 2 & 5, 2021



Introduction:

1. What do you know about sheep? How would you describe sheep, and the way they behave, to someone who has never experienced sheep? If you were to rate animals on their level of intelligence (1 = lowest and 10 = highest), where would you rate sheep? Why?
2. If someone were to refer to you as sheepish or sheep-like, would you view that as a compliment or an insult? Why

Discussion Questions:

3. What kind of person is Jesus describing as one who does not use the gate? Who is the one who enters through the gate of the sheepfold?
4. Why is it important for the sheep to know the voice of the shepherd? What can happen when the sheep do not recognize the voice of the shepherd?
5. What is significant about Jesus saying “I am the gate of the sheep”?
6. What is the result of entering into the sheepfold through Jesus?
7. How do you see the thief kill, steal, and destroy the life of people that you know? When you see this happen, how should you respond?
8. Continuing on in John 10... What does Jesus say about sheep in another fold? Who might Jesus be talking about?

9. Even though there are sheep from other folds, what does Jesus say about the unity of the sheep as they follow the shepherd? How many flocks? How many shepherds?
10. How important is it for us to remember that all of Christ’s sheep are part of one flock?
11. How can you and your group work to create unity among Christians? Read Jesus’ prayer in John 17:11.
12. Challenge: As sheep, make it your desire to follow Jesus wherever he may lead you this week. He may lead you into an uncomfortable situation. He may lead you into a difficult conversation. He may lead you into the life of someone you don’t know yet, because you are able to lead them to Jesus. Be a sheep who will follow when it’s not easy and even when it doesn’t make sense.

TAKEAWAY: Use the Gate and follow Jesus to full life.