



Sermon Discussion Guide

March 1st, 2026 | John 10:1-10 | Pastor Greg Doty

Series // The Gospel of John: Taste and See Who I Am

Summary

This week's sermon reflects on John 10:1-10, where Jesus describes Himself as both the shepherd and the door of the sheep. Using the image of a sheepfold, which at the time was an enclosure with a single opening, Jesus explains that true shepherds enter through the door, while thieves climb in secretly to steal and destroy. Evil and sin, like thieves, disguise themselves as good and appealing, but ultimately terrorize and rob us of life. In contrast, Jesus openly invites examination because He has nothing to hide; He alone is the legitimate King and Savior. When He says, "I am the door," He declares that He is the only way to salvation and restored relationship with God. The way into this safety and life is through belief in who He is and what He has done. Those who belong to Him are His sheep: they know His voice, are known by name, and follow Him. Unlike the fear and hiding that began in Eden, Jesus restores intimacy so His people no longer run from God but toward Him. Though distractions and sin attempt to drown out His voice, He calls His sheep to listen and follow. The abundant life He offers is not material wealth, but the joy, security, and nearness of belonging to the Good Shepherd who leads His people, even through difficult valleys, into lasting life with Him.

Discussion Questions (Read John 10:1-10):

Reflection Questions

- What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the door"? What does that tell us about salvation?
- The sermon described sin as something that hides and disguises itself. Where do you see that pattern in your own life?
- What are some "voices" in your life that compete with or try to drown out the voice of Jesus?
- How do distraction and constant noise (news, social media, busyness, entertainment) affect your ability to hear and follow Christ?

Application Questions

- The sermon said following Jesus is sometimes hard, but always good. Where might God be leading you right now that feels difficult?
- How does knowing that Jesus calls you by name change the way you think about your relationship with Him?
- What practical steps can you take this week to better recognize and listen to the Shepherd's voice?

Closing Reflection & Prayer

- Read Psalm 23 slowly and allow it to lead you to the Lord in prayer.