



March 30, 2025

I Am

“The Door”

John 10:1-10

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ²But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” ⁶This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁷So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Sermon Summary:

The "I Am" statements are a series of declarations made by Jesus in the Gospel of John which underscore His divine identity and mission. Each of these statements serves not only as a reflection of His nature but also as a way of revealing how He fulfills the spiritual needs of humanity. Jesus wasn't just exercising positive self-talk when He made these bold statements. He was letting the first-century Jews, familiar with God's definition of Himself, know that He truly was God incarnate, the Messiah they were waiting for.

It's important to consider that He knew who He was, and He wanted us to clearly know, too. He can't be minimized to merely our "ticket to heaven" but must be seen as our daily sustenance, our direction, our protector, our sacrificial Savior, our victory over death, our access to the Father and eternal life.

Ice Breaker Questions:

1. Ask the group to identify as many doors as they can (front door, sliding glass door, Dutch doors, etc)
2. Share these Knock, Knock jokes:

Knock, knock.	Knock, knock.	Knock, knock.	Knock, knock.
Who's there?	Who's there?	Who's there?	Who's there?
Water.	Canoe.	Tank.	Spell.
Water who?	Canoe who?	Tank who?	Spell who?
Water you doing today?	Canoe come out now!	You're welcome.	Okay, W-H-O!

3. Ask the group to share their best (or worst) Knock, Knock jokes.
4. How can a door be positive part of a home/building?



Scripture Study Questions:

1. Who is Jesus addressing in the passage?
2. Who does Jesus identify as a “thief and robber”?
3. What is the role of the of the gatekeeper?
4. What are the different things identified in the passage that the shepherd does?
5. Describe the type of relationship the sheep have with the shepherd?
6. What part does the shepherd’s “voice” play in the relationship between the sheep and the shepherd?
7. From verse 7, fill in the blank, “I am the _____ for the sheep.”
8. What happens to the sheep who enters the gate?
9. What is the thief’s goal?

Application Questions:

1. Name a person in your life who presents Jesus in a welcoming and inviting manner. What are specific things he/she does to accomplish this?
2. How would you respond to someone who says believing that Jesus is the only way to God is exclusive?
3. What are ways that Satan tries to “steal, kill and destroy” a person’s faith?
4. What is your personal away for this week’s passage?