



I AM Jesus: the Door

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. Reflect on your daily devotional time in the Word and using the I AM Jesus booklet. Was there something that really stood out to you?
3. Read **John 10:1-10**. After listening to the sermon, what does it mean for us that Jesus is the Door? How do you know that you are protected in Him? As the door, what do you need to allow Him to keep out of your life? What do you need to let Him open the door to?
4. Read **Psalms 66** out loud. How does this psalm speak to God's protection? Even for those who "wander?"
5. Derek said, "Christ is not only the door IN to the safety of the pen, He's the door OUT to fields of replenishment." Does your heart, soul, life need replenishing? What are the things in your life that bring temporary replenishment? How have you experienced the abundance of life in Christ?
6. Read **Matthew 6:25-34**. This is a familiar passage- we studied it in week 1 of our I AM Jesus booklet. But, what truly keeps us from seeking Him first?
7. Optional: Leader, consider listening to the song "First" by Christian artist Lauren Daigle. Ask group members to listen the first time, then play it again and ask them to write a prayer: 1- praising Jesus for being the Door who saves, protects and replenishes. 2- confessing areas in their life where they are looking to temporary things to save, protect or replenish. 3- thanking God for the gift of His Son and salvation. 4- asking for more of Him, for a hunger for Him as our daily bread and an intentionally seeking of Him as our Door.

Next Steps: Week 2, Day 5 of the I AM Jesus devotional book is "Fasting Friday" (pg 15). How can your group encourage and support one another through a time of fasting for your Pivotal Sacrifices?

Prayer Thought: We have been challenged to make a Pivotal Sacrifice this Lenten season. Ask if anyone is willing to share theirs and consider surrounding them, laying hands on them, and praying for them as they take this journey in their faith

Suggested Memory Verse: *I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.*¹⁰ *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* **John 10:9-10**