

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Glorify His Name

Title: I AM the Good Shepherd

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WARM - UP

This week we covered two of the "I Am" statements of Jesus. I Am the Gate and I Am the Good Shepherd. In your group, list what the other 5 "I AM" statements are and then go around and share which one is most meaningful or significant to you and why.

Warning! The following questions are best answered in honesty and vulnerability and I hope draw your Life Group closer as a beautiful spiritual community where you can hear and support one another right where you are at.

DISCUSSION

1. Have someone read the passage of John 10:1-16 in your group. Focus on what really stands out to you in this passage. Each take a turn sharing what is challenging, encouraging or inspiring to them in these verses. What seems to be just for you.

2. Jesus says that the thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. He has come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. How have you experienced abundant life by entering through the gate? How is it different from what the world would say is the good life and actually doesn't bring life at all, but steals, kills and destroys us.

DISCUSSION

3. Jesus says the sheep hear His voice, and He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. Together as a group, share all the different ways that you have heard God speak to you. How have you learned to discern the voice of God, and are there any ways you would want to grow in your awareness of God's voice and hearing Him?

4. As we continue this series in the gospel of John and you hear of how John was so taken with Jesus and had such an intimate relationship with Him What are your thoughts about that, what does that stir in you? How does that make you feel? Is this something that resonates in you and stirs your desire to also be taken with Jesus? Can you identify any obstacles or distractions that keep you from keeping your eyes on Him? Anything that holds you back? How are you and Jesus doing?

APPLICATION

This week pay attention to what you are hearing and whose voice you are listening to. As you spend time with the Lord in the Word and in prayer, in your own words say, "here I am Lord, speak for your child is listening." Pay attention to whether you are letting the Good Shepherd lead you from the front with His voice. If this is an area in your spiritual life that you know you need to grow in and desire more, pray with someone about that and know that this is a desire that God has put in you so let Him move you forward. Trust Him. Ask Him what the next step is that He would be inviting you to take and then if you can, share that with someone and pray together.