

Fifty series

Gate

**Message Text:** John 10:7-10

January 23/24, 2010

*Jesus has been our all-sufficient source for 50 years and He will continue to be so as we forge ahead.*

He is the bread of life – our source of spiritual nourishment and satisfaction.

He is the light of the world – our source of light as those who are blind

Only one gate leads to the security and plenty of God, Jesus Christ.

The Door for Anyone

The Door to Security

The Door to Plenty

*Go Deeper:*

- 1) In John 10:7 and 9 Jesus says he is the door. What are some of the kinds of door that people picture Jesus being? Why do you think this is the case?
- 2) Read John 10:7-10. What kind of door does the passage describe Jesus as? How does this match up with the answers from question 1?
- 3) Jesus compares us to sheep who are not very intelligent, timid, stubborn, creatures of habit, defenseless, and utterly helpless. How does this translate to our lives?
- 4) Do you think that Christians are aware or oblivious to the dangers in our lives that threaten to derail and destroy us? Explain.
- 5) Read John 10:10. Would you say that Jesus is more or less grave about the seriousness of the thieves and their influence in our lives that we as His followers tend to be?
- 6) What are some of the dangers you see that threaten to leave Christians broken, battered, and in need of healing?
- 7) Sheep know their shepherd's voice so well that they can tell an imposter who is imitating the voice of their shepherd even if that imposter smells like their shepherd and is even wearing his clothes. How can we know our Shepherd's voice to that degree?
- 8) What are some of the reasons that people struggle with Jesus being the *only* door to God? According to John 10:1-21 how would Jesus respond to these objections?
- 9) Read Matthew 11:28-30. Can you think of some individuals in your life who need to hear this message right now? Share these verse with them this week.

*Next Steps:*

- Memorize John 10:9-10.
- Read the book of John during the month of January so that I can recognize Jesus voice through His Word.
- Bring in non-perishable food items for Dayton Gospel Mission.
- Connect with a discipleship class on Sunday nights or a Growth Group to grow in relationship with other 'sheep' as we study God's Word together.