

# I AM

## The Gate & Good Shepherd

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Questions based on sermon on March 24, 2024

### Getting to Know Me

1. What was a high point of your week?
2. What physical door or gate do you wish you could walk through today (The front gate of Disneyland; Your grandmother's front door...etc.)? Why? What do you imagine is on the other side?

### Digging Deeper

3. What new insight or information did you learn from hearing Pastor Phil's sermon this Sunday?
4. Read John 10:1-5. Jesus reminds us that the sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. How do we recognize the voice of God? What distracts us from hearing God's voice?
5. In John 10:7-10, Jesus unpacks this metaphor. Read these verses and discuss: What does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the Gate"? What is promised to those who enter through him and what does this look like in day-to-day life?
6. Read John 10:11-15, 17-18. What does it mean to be a good shepherd? Read 1 John 3:16. What motivates Jesus to be The Good Shepherd? How can you follow his example today?
7. Phil said that Jesus, our Good Shepherd, *guides, guards, and gives life*. Share some examples of how you allow Jesus (or struggle to allow Jesus) to *guide you, guard you, give you life*.

8. Read Psalm 23. What picture comes to mind of God as our Good Shepherd and what promises in this psalm stand out to you?
9. What do you think it means that God guides us in paths of righteousness (Psalm 23:3)? Why does he guide you there? What is the result of trusting your Good Shepherd (v. 6)?
10. As we've seen Jesus in action through Mark and now his I AM names, how have you experienced Jesus in fresh ways during this Growth Group season?

### Making it Personal:

11. Where in your life do you need to listen to, and follow, the voice of God?
12. In what areas do you need God's guidance or guarding this week? In what ways do you want to experience "life to the fullest" which he offers?
13. The promise of Psalm 23:6 is that we will now and forever dwell in the house of the Lord. How are you orienting your life around the presence of God? When do you make time for prayer and scripture reading, other spiritual habits?
14. Reflect on Luke 15:1-7. How does Jesus epitomize this Good Shepherd?

### Prayer

*God, Make your voice clear to me. Remind me that you shower goodness and mercy on me. You love me. You are my Good Shepherd and my Gate to peace.*

*We exist to glorify God by guiding people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.*

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