

# Looking Ahead to Next Sunday

- **New Member Info Meeting**
  - 9:15am in the Main Lobby
- **Elevate Children's Church restarts!**
  - 10:45am, for PreK through 1st Grade
- **Summer Business Meeting**
  - 5pm in the Worship Center

# Deacon Ministry

- Meeting Needs, Serving the Church
- New Deacon Candidates
  - Gary Garretson
  - Tony Meek
  - John Melton
  - David Ross
  - Bryan Woodward



# John 10

## Am I living the Good Life?

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*Goal for August:*

*Memorize Psalm 23*

# John 10:1

**“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door [gate, entrance] but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber.”**



# John 10:2-3

But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

# John 10:4-5

**When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.**

**A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”**



# John 10:6

**This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.**

(similar to parables in the other Gospels)

# John 10:7-8

So Jesus again said to them,

“Truly, truly, I say to you,

I am the door of the sheep.

*All who came before me*

*are thieves and robbers,*

but the sheep did not listen to them.



# John 10:9-10

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

# 1. Jesus is the Door

## \*One Door

- Psalm 118:20 - "This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous enter through it."
- Matt. 7:13 - "Enter by the narrow gate."
- John 14:6 - "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father, except through me."



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\*False Hope and Promises



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#3. Able to address Sin and Death

# John 10:15, 17-18

I lay down my life for the sheep... No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

I have authority to *lay it down*, and I have authority to *take it up again*. This charge I have received from my Father.



# 1. Jesus is the Door

## \*One Door & One Response

- Faith in Jesus' Word! (same for everyone)
- *"I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." - 10:16*

# John 10:19-21

There was again a division among the Jews because of these words. Many of them said, “He has a demon, and is insane; why listen to him?” Others said, “These are not the words of one who is oppressed by a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?”



# John 10:22-23

At that time the Feast of Dedication  
(Hanukkah!) took place at Jerusalem.

It was winter, and Jesus was walking in  
the temple, in the colonnade of  
Solomon.

# John 10:24

**So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.”**



# John 10:25-26

Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep.

# John 10:27-28

**My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.**



# John 10:29-30

My Father, who has given them to me,  
is greater than all, and no one is able to  
snatch them out of the Father's hand.  
I and the Father are one.”

# John 10:31-32

The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?”



# John 10:33-34

The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.”

Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’?

# John 10:35-36

If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?



# John 10:37-38

If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

# John 10:39-40

Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained.



# John 10:41-42

And many came to him. And they said,  
“John did no sign, but everything that  
John said about this man was true.”  
And many believed in him there.

**1. Jesus is the Door...**

**2. That leads to the Good Life**

- **Salvation, Freedom, Nourishment**
  - “Sin feels like freedom...  
until you try to stop.”
- **What threatens the Good Life for you?**
- **How can we point others to the Door?**