

Life group questions

THE GATE THAT LEADS TO LIFE | 01 DEC 2019 | JOHN 10:7-10

1. IN JOHN 10 VERSE 7, JESUS INDICATES THAT HE IS "THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP". WHAT IS A SHEEP GATE FOR; TO KEEP THE SHEEP IN, KEEP SHEEP-STEALERS OUT, AND/OR FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

WHY DOES HE MAKE THIS STATEMENT TO THE PHARISEES?
(THE START OF JOHN CHAPTER 10 IS A CONTINUATION OF THE CONVERSATION THAT BEGAN IN JOHN 9:40. ALSO SEE JOHN 6:35-40, JOHN 10:28-29, JOHN 17:2-12)

2. IN VERSE 8 IT SAYS, "ALL WHO HAVE COME BEFORE ME ARE THIEVES AND ROBBERS, BUT THE SHEEP HAVE NOT LISTENED TO THEM". SO DOES THAT MEAN THAT MOSES, ABRAHAM AND THE PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE THIEVES & ROBBERS? WHO IS HE TALKING ABOUT? HOW SHOULD WE INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT? *(GALATIANS 1:8-9, ACTS 4:12, 1 TIMOTHY 2:5)*
3. VERSE 10 IS A VERY COMMONLY QUOTED VERSE. HOW SHOULD WE INTERPRET WHAT THE THIEF COMES TO DO, AND WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO? AND WHAT DOES "ABUNDANT LIFE" MEAN?