

Jesus Is // Week 1

Discussion Guide



SERIES OVERVIEW

Throughout history, people have had a lot to say about who Jesus is. We are going to discover for ourselves the person and purpose of Jesus.

BIG IDEA

Jesus describes Himself as the Gate. If we want all that God has for us, Jesus is the door that we must go through. When we walk through that door and hear His voice, He promises three things: we will be saved, we will come and go freely and find good pastures, and we will have a rich and satisfying life. A full life means having peace, having joy, having God.

ICEBREAKER/CHECK-IN QUESTION

- If you had to eat at one fast food restaurant for the rest of your life where would it be, and why? What is it that you secretly (or not so secretly) love about that place?

DISCUSS

- The Pharisees loved to be the gatekeepers for God. They often portrayed themselves to be holier than everyone else relished the perception that they had all this religious and political power. Have you ever experienced someone who's "leadership" thrived off of the power that they had? What was it like to be around that person? What made it unpleasant?
- Have YOU ever found yourself at a place in life where your leadership thrived off of the power that you had over other people?

READ JOHN 10:7-10

- Jesus equates the Pharisees to thieves & robbers, then explains that he is the ultimate gatekeeper—the only way to God. What gates have you been walking through in hopes of finding what you're looking for?
- Even though Jesus promises that we will "have life and have it to the full" why do you think it is so difficult to live in that promise?
- Jesus invites us to see that he is the gate that we have been searching for and that all other gates will lead to death & destruction. What other gates do you need to surrender?

PRAY

Jesus, we trust you and believe that you are the Gate. I pray that you would help me to surrender all the other gates that I thought would lead to a rich and satisfying life. Give me the courage to trust you as the ultimate gatekeeper and the only way into heaven! Amen.