



Beloved: Gospel According to John
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questions.

Have some fun for a moment. Use your phone and find some of the most difficult places to get to/visit/break into/etc. Take one and share it...and why is it so difficult to get to?

What is one thing that impacted you in this week's message?

Pastor Phill said, "Doors are a powerful picture of opportunity." Can you think of a time when you missed a great opportunity, or went through a door of opportunity and it paid off?

Take a moment and read **John 10:6-10**. What metaphor does Jesus use to describe himself? What is the purpose of this metaphor?

With Jesus as our shepherd, his followers become known as His sheep. Why might this be a hard message to communicate with others when living in a culture that stresses independence, making a name for ourselves, being top dog, etc?

Jesus says He is the only gate available for people to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. (John 10:9, 14:6) How do you think God might feel when people reject the idea of their need for Jesus as their shepherd?

Jesus says he came to give us an abundant life. What does an abundant life in Christ look like to you?

Jesus also said the thief came to kill, steal, and destroy. That thief is the devil. In what ways does the devil attempt to kill, steal, and destroy?

In what ways can we protect ourselves from the Thief? How did Jesus handle temptation? What does James 4:7 teach us to do?

Reflect on this thought: Have you ever been robbed? Think and share about the array of emotions you experienced. Do you think God might resonate with those emotions when the Devil convinces people to believe in God?

going deeper.

These questions are intended to invite your group to make the answers more personal. Mix them in if your group is ready.

- Is it hard for you to accept that Jesus is the only way to make it to heaven? How does this answer impact the urgency in you for others to know Him?
- Where do you need to feel the safety of God in your life?
- Do you think you are missing the abundant life God promises? What do you think might be causing that?
- Jesus wants you to live in the safety of his love, if you are struggling to feel that tonight, pray that Jesus will help you feel safe in Him, even if your environment is not safe.