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## WEEK 4 | GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### CONNECT

- Do you have a gate set up at your home or apartment? Do you enjoy having a gate? Why or why not? If you don't have a gate, do you wish you had one? Why or why not?

### CONSIDER

- What encouraged or challenged you from the sermon and/or daily devotions this week?

### CHRIST

Read John 10:1-21 as a group.

- Jesus is making the connection to Him dying on the cross for our sins ("I lay down my life") and using the sheep and being a shepherd as a visual. Jesus is the gate or doorway to safety for the sheep and for us today. **Do you trust Jesus to keep you safe, or do you see the gate as a restriction?**
- In our world, there are many doors that claim to provide life. But Jesus tells us HE is the ONE and ONLY Door that can provide life. **Are there any doors that you have walked through that you thought would lead to life but ultimately led to death?** Maybe a job that had too many hours and took time away from family? Maybe your kids are in a sport, and it seemed like a good thing, but it seems to be causing a lot of drama? A relationship you thought would be fulfilling? **What door did you think would be life-giving, but it has been the opposite?**
- In John 10:4-5, Jesus says that the sheep will know their Shepherd's voice. What He means is that people who have a real relationship with Him will know His voice and be able to distinguish it from the rest of the world's noise. Jesus not only KNOWS us, but He also wants US to know HIM! This is a two-way street that Jesus wants us to walk down. **What are you doing to get to KNOW Jesus? Are you doing it well? What areas would you like to get better at when it comes to getting to know who Jesus really is?**
- This weekend, we talked about how important it is to focus on Jesus and not just the doors of opportunity that Jesus provides for us. **How can you apply this? How can you chase after Jesus and not the opportunities He provides?**

- Fun fact about sheep. Herding together in a flock is a way to stay protected from predators. They also stay with the humans they know best for protection. Jesus says, “I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” Sheep LIVE out the concept of knowing their shepherd. **How can we live out KNOWING Jesus and not just knowing about Him? How can we live out the call that Jesus is our ONE Door?**

## CALLING

- Jacob talked about how the doors we do and do not enter matter. **Are there doors God is opening for you? Or closing? Are there doors God has been trying to close, but you have been forcing the door to stay open? Discuss.**
- **Daily Devotions:** Spend 15 minutes each day with Northside devotions. Text DEVO to 81212 or use the Study tab in Northside’s mobile app for daily devotions.
- **Memorize:**  
*“I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.”*  
**John 10:9 (NIV)**
- **Further Study:**
  - *His Truth* by Jack Cottrell
  - *The Saving Life of Christ* by Major W. Ian Thomas