

# JESUS IS

John 10:9-10

Week of March 10, 2024

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## BELONG

**Ask this Ice Breaker Question:** When you are driving and you hit traffic, which of the three emotions best describes you? Patient? Frustrated? Worried?

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## BELIEVE

**Have someone in your group read aloud: John 10:9-10.**

**Ask these questions to prompt group discussion:**

- 1. Jesus takes time in this text to contrast thieves and shepherds. What is your working definition of each term? Thief? Shepherd?**

Leader Context:

- *Thieves steal, kill, and destroy.*
- *Thieves take from others.*
- *Thieves operate out of selfishness most of the time.*
- *Shepherds, are essentially, the opposite of this.*
- *Shepherds give to others.*
- *Shepherds give resources, give life, and give care.*
- *Shepherds operate out of selflessness most of the time.*

- 2. Jesus boils his shepherding down to one main benefit - he gives abundant life. How do you think about the term abundant life?**

Leader Context:

- *Abundant life (Greek: perisson) means "exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, a quantity so abundant as to be considerably more than what one would expect or anticipate."*
- *Abundant life is an everlasting life.*
- *It is an eternal kind of life.*
- *It is an overflowing with contentment kind of life.*

- 3. Jesus connects the two ideas in his IAM statement. He is the shepherds door. He is the gatekeeper to abundant life and the one who keeps thieves away. How do you think this idea impacts our sense of belonging and security?**

Leader Context:

- *Answers may vary.*

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**BECOME:**

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- 4. One main implication of Jesus being The Door To The Sheep is that He is the only way to salvation in this life. Who around you needs this kind of salvation?**
- 5. Another implication of Jesus being The Door To The Sheep is that He is the one who protects people from thieves. Who around you needs this kind of security and safety?**