



I Am The Door | Doug Wekenman | 03.09.2024

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members get settled, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how life is going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

Share a high and a low from this week.

What has been your favorite part of this series so far?

What's one new thing you've discovered about God (or your relationship with Him) through this series?

GROW

Welcome to week three of our "I Am" series here at Red Rocks. As we continue to walk through the seven "I am" statements made by Jesus, our aim is to discover the characteristics and attributes of God as we look at the life of Jesus. Here at Red Rocks Church, we are on a mission to help people Know God, Live on Purpose, and Go Change the World. As we gain a better understanding of God's heart for our lives, our hope is that it equips and empowers us to be continuously transformed more and more into the image of Jesus as we live out the kind of lives He has for us.

This week, Pastor Doug taught on the third "I Am" statement in the Gospel of John, *I Am The Door*. The world is full of false paths and fake doors that promise us freedom, pleasure, and

eternal life, but here we see that Jesus and Jesus alone is the door to life here and now, and eternity forever.

Read John 10:7-9 ESV

What was your biggest takeaway from this weekend's message, *I Am The Door*?

**What was your interpretation of Jesus' statement, "I am the door" before this weekend?
How about now?**

Jesus talks about his followers "finding pasture," and being able to "come and go freely" (NLT). What is the significance of these statements?

What else stuck out to you in John 10:7-9?

M O V E

Since the fall of man, humanity has grappled with the tension between rebellion against God and striving for perfection. Some of us believe that reclaiming paradise means defining our own truth and rejecting God's will, while others think we must earn salvation through flawless performance. However, Scripture cautions against both paths: "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads to death" (Proverbs 14:12 NIV). Additionally, it warns against checking boxes to please God: "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside will also be clean" (Matthew 23:25-26 NIV).

When Jesus declared, "I am the door," He was being specific out of necessity, not exclusive. In a world offering countless alternatives, Jesus wasn't seeking to exclude people from abundant life, but to safeguard us from the traps of false paths and superficial righteousness. He provided a clear entryway to genuine fulfillment and salvation, urging us first that His way is the only way to a life better than we could ever imagine, and then by teaching us that it is achieved by the inner transformation of our heart, not our outward performance. The point of this series isn't to

“know about God” so that we can “look like” Him on the outside, but to truly “know God” so that we can “become like Jesus” in every way. The question is: have you allowed your encounters with Jesus to truly change you and shape you into a different person than you were before you met Him?

Read Matthew 7:13-14 NLT, Galatians 5:16-17 NIV

Compare Matthew 7:13-14 to John 10:7-9. How do they relate? What do you notice?

How does Galatians 5:16-17 explain why Jesus being the door to abundant life is both narrow and difficult? What else do you notice?

How have you experienced tension between God’s Spirit and your fleshly desires wanting to lead you in different directions?

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, “Narrow is the road that leads to life, and only a few find it” (Mat. 7:13-14)?

Consider the metaphor of the small gate and narrow road leading to life vs. the wide gate and easy way that leads to destruction. How does this imagery speak to your journey of faith?

P R A Y

Lord, give me wisdom and discernment to choose the narrow path to life and avoid the wide path to destruction. Help me remain faithful and obedient in my pursuit of you, even when it may seem difficult or unpopular. Guide my steps along the narrow way so that I may walk in alignment with Your will and find true fulfillment in You. Amen.