



I AM the Door | Week 3 | Ryan Wekenman | 3.16-17

Weekly Study

SHARE

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. As you may know one of our mission statements here at Red Rocks is we want 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 to become more equipped and empowered to know more about our God and through that live with purpose. As your group gets settled, begin with checking in and reflecting on how everyone is doing.

- ☐ Share a praise that you have from last week and a prayer that you have for this upcoming week.
- ☐ What are some ways you are feeding your fleshly desires and what are some ways you are feeding your spirit? (ex. Binging too much tv, but consistently getting in my word)

GROW

In week 2, Ryan's message focused on the next statement Jesus made about himself: "**I AM the Door.**" This world offers us many different counterfeit things such as living fully, promising us freedom, having pleasure, and even eternal life. Often, these things are promised to us, but we have to work for and earn them. Ryan explains that it is Jesus and Jesus alone who is the Door to the fullness of life. It is Jesus alone who is the door to eternal life; we don't have to earn, deserve, or work for it. He freely gives us entry through what he did for us on the cross.

Read John 10:7-9

- ☐ From this passage and Ryan's message, what does Jesus mean when he says, "I am the door for the sheep"? How does this metaphor relate to our relationship with Him?
- ☐ Jesus talks about his followers finding pasture once they enter through Him. What does this metaphor of "finding pasture" symbolize in the context of our lives?

Jesus here is saying, "I AM the Door. I am the way to salvation, I am the way to eternal life, and I am the way to living a full life here and now and forever." Every other worldview we may have encountered says something drastically different from the Gospel. It's always "we are here... God is there," or maybe "here's how you get from here to there." On and on it goes, and 2,000 years ago, Jesus looked around at a world trying so hard to get there and said, "Hey, are you tired yet?" and then He offered himself as the remedy. If we were all completely honest with ourselves, we would admit that, if it were up to us, none of us would ever work hard enough or live up to the perfect way of living. Thank God that it was never on us. It has never been about our good works. Quite the opposite. It's only ever been about Jesus and who He is, what He does. He is the DOOR.

- ☐ Discuss the significance of Jesus' statement about being the Door and the only way to salvation. How does this highlight the uniqueness of the Gospel?
- ☐ How have you tried to earn God's favor through your own works and effort instead of relying solely on Jesus and His grace?
- ☐ Have you ever felt overwhelmed by trying to carry the burdens of life on your own? How does Jesus' invitation to find rest and abundant life in Him resonate with you?

MOVE

Read John 10:10

- ☐ What do you think Jesus means by "the thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy" and how is it significant to our personal lives and walk of faith?
- ☐ How can understanding Jesus' purpose to give us an abundant life impact our daily lives and decisions?

In ancient times, sheep pens were constructed with a single, narrow entrance, a potential vulnerability where the shepherd would stand guard. Jesus employs this imagery, declaring, "I am the door," emphasizing that He alone provides access to safety, serving as the exclusive entry point into the pasture. In contrast to the thief who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy, Jesus offers abundant life. He assures us that He has come so that we may experience life to the

fullest but more importantly eternal life with Him. When we attempt to carry the weight of the world's burdens alone or strive for perfection to earn favor with God, we eventually tire. Through Jesus, we discover a life brimming with richness and purpose, a life far surpassing the offerings of the world. His path, expansive and inclusive, but offered to all, leads to a life filled with peace and joy, imparting a sense of fullness that transcends worldly understanding.

- ☐ **How does the contrast between Jesus as the door and the thief highlight the difference between His offer of abundant life and the destructive influences of the world?**
- ☐ **With the metaphor of Jesus as the Door and the only way to an abundant life, how can we experience His fullness in our relationships, work, and personal growth?**
- ☐ **What was your biggest take away from this message? In what ways did this message help you think a little differently when it comes to your personal life and relationship with Jesus?**

P R A Y

Go around the room and have each person share a prayer request. Have every person pray for the person on their left, and continue to pray for that prayer request throughout the week.

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