

# Believe

JOHN

MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

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## Jesus: The Gate, The Good Shepherd & His Voice

Bible Reading: John 9:39 - 10:21

### I. Jesus Continues his Conversation with some of the Religious Leaders (Jn. 9:39-41)

- A. They ask, "We aren't blind too, are we?"
- B. Jesus responds, "Now that you say, 'we see,' your sin remains."

### II. Jesus' Figure of Speech (Jn. 10:1-6)

- A. The dark backdrop to Jesus' words
- B. Two main characters (vv. 1-2)
  - 1. Thief/robber (v. 1)
  - 2. Shepherd (v. 2)
- C. Two ways of entering the sheep pen (vv. 1-2)
  - 1. Climbing over the wall – illegal access
  - 2. Through the gate – authorized access
- D. Two voices and two responses (vv. 3-5)
  - 1. The sheep hear the shepherd's voice & follow him
    - a) Each and every sheep is called by name
    - b) Each and every sheep needs to follow the shepherd
  - 2. The sheep hear the stranger's voice and flee
- E. The religious leaders did not understand Jesus' words

### III. Jesus is the Gate/Door (Jn. 10:7-10)

- A. "I am the gate" (vv. 7, 9a)

B. Anyone who enters through Jesus will be saved (v. 9b)

1. Will be saved
2. Will come in and go out, & will find pasture

C. A thief comes to steal, kill & destroy (vv. 8, 10a)

D. Purpose: Anyone may have life in abundance (v. 10b)

**IV. Jesus is the Good Shepherd (Jn. 10:11-18)**

A. "I am the good shepherd" (vv. 11a, 14)

1. He lays down his life for the sheep (vv. 11b, 15b, 17, 18)
2. Not merely risking his life, but voluntarily, intentionally laying it down
3. He has other sheep not from this sheep pen (v. 16)
  - a) He will bring them
  - b) They listen to his voice
  - c) The one shepherd will have one flock

B. The hired hand (vv. 12-13)

1. He is not the shepherd of the sheep
2. He leaves the sheep when danger approaches

C. The good shepherd's death and resurrection (vv. 17-18)

1. Is in the context of his relationship of 'love' with God (vv. 17, 18c)
2. Is an act he freely chooses in obedience to God (vv. 17b, 18a)
3. Points to the inseparability of Jesus' death and resurrection (vv. 17-18)

**V. The Jews were Divided because of Jesus' Words (Jn. 10:19-21)**

A. Many said, "He has a demon & is crazy. Why do you listen to him?" (v. 20)

B. Others said, "These aren't the words of someone who is demon-possessed." (v. 21)