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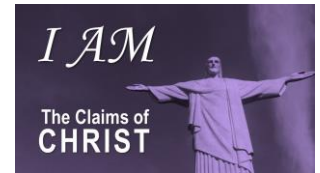
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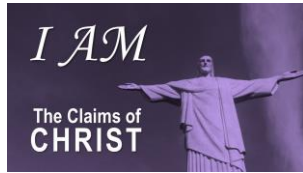


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- Read John 10:1-10. What contrasting images are set up by Jesus as he responds to the Pharisees?
- What is the relationship like between the Shepherd and his sheep as described by Jesus? What does that reveal about Jesus and how he wants to relate to you?
- What are the functions of a gate or door? What are the implications then of Jesus' repeated self-designation, "I am the gate for the sheep" (v. 7, 9)?
- What happens for those who "come in and go out" through Jesus, the gate (v. 9)?
- What does Jesus mean by having life "to the full" or "abundantly" (v. 10)? What would characterize such a life?
- How were the Pharisees like "thieves and robbers" (cf. John 9:13-41)? How did they try to enter the sheep pen? How did they keep people from the gate, Jesus? What might be some modern parallels?
- How might "the sheep" try to determine or control who will "come in and go out" of the sheepfold? How can Christians today act as though they were "the gate" instead of Christ? What is the effect of this?
- Who do you know who has not yet "entered through" Christ to the sheepfold? What can you do to eliminate barriers before them? How can you help them hear the Shepherd's voice?
- How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this through the coming week?

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