Agape House of Worship

Wednesday Bible Study – November 4, 2026

Study Series: The Great I AM - The I Am Statements
Part 4: I AM the Door of the Sheep **Teacher: Pastor Yewande Efodili**

Week	Teaching Topic	Main Text
1	Introduction: The Revelation of the Great I AM	Exodus 3:14; John 8:58
2	I AM the Bread of Life	John 6:25–40
3	I AM the Light of the World	John 8:12–20
4	**I AM the Door**	**John 10:1–10**
5	I AM the Good Shepherd	John 10:11–18
6	I AM the Resurrection and the Life	John 11:17–27
7	I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life	John 14:1–11
8	I AM the True Vine	John 15:1–8

Introduction: Jesus The Door of the Sheep

"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." John 10:7 KJV

Every doorway leads somewhere, but Jesus offers an entrance no one else can provide; Jesus offers access to salvation and fellowship with the Father. When He declares, "**I am the door of the sheep**," He presents Himself as the One through whom we enter God's family and receive life. Focusing on Christ as the exclusive gatekeeper of God's covenant family, this lesson illustrates Jesus' dual role as our absolute protector from spiritual predators and our unique point of entry into salvation. We will contrast Jesus' protective, life-giving boundaries with the destructive natures of worldly religious systems, false teachers, and spiritual "thieves" who seek to climb over the walls. The goal of this lesson is to anchor believers in the security of their salvation through Christ alone, encouraging them to confidently enjoy the spiritual freedom and safety found within Him.

Q: *What does a door naturally provide?*

I. Understanding the Door and Its Boundaries

A **sheepfold** was an enclosure used to shelter sheep. Its entrance allowed the flock to enter and enabled access to be guarded. In ancient sheepfolds, the shepherd slept at the opening/gate to keep predators out and keep the sheep secure.

Jesus explains the central meaning Himself: those who enter through Him will be saved.

John 10:9 (KJV) *"I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."*

Christ's boundaries guide us toward life. His commands teach us to reject sin, deception, and destructive influences.

John 14:15, 1 John5:3, Prov.4:23.

Q: *How do Christ's boundaries protect believers?* John 8:31-32, Psalm 119:9-11.

II. Salvation Through Christ Alone

Jesus does not present Himself as one entrance among many. He identifies Himself as the Door through whom people are saved.
John 14:6 (KJV) *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."*
Religious traditions, church membership, moral achievements, and family heritage cannot provide salvation. We receive it by God's grace through faith in Jesus. Acts 4:12; Ephesians 2:8–10. Rev.3:20 "*Here I am, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."*

Q: ***What does it mean that Jesus is the exclusive entrance to salvation?*** John 14:6; Acts 4:12.

Why can good work never purchase salvation?

Salvation is God's gift, not a reward we earn. Good works are the fruit of a life transformed by His grace.

Ephesians 2:8–10.

III. Welcomed into the Covenant Family of God

Entering through Jesus brings us into a relationship with God. Through His blood, Jesus establishes the new covenant, **providing forgiveness and access to the Father**. Our relationship with the father is possible through His death and resurrection**, Jesus deals with our sin and reconciles us to God.** Romans 5:1–2; 1 Peter 3:18.

"This cup is the New Testament in my blood, which is shed for you." **Luke 22:20 (KJV)**

Ephesians 2:19 (KJV) *"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."*

We belong to God's household because of Christ. This relationship calls us to faith, love, and obedience. Hebrews 9:15; Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 10:19–22.

Questions

1. *What is a covenant relationship with God*? Jeremiah 31:31–34; Hebrews 9:15.

2. *What changes when we become members of God's family?* John 1:12; Ephesians 2:18–19; 5:1–2.

IV. Recognizing Spiritual Thieves and False Entrances John 10:1 (KJV)

"He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber."

Jesus exposes those who seek illegitimate access to God's people. Following the confrontation in John 9, this warning challenges spiritual leaders who mistreat people while claiming religious authority.

Religious practices become harmful when they replace dependence on Christ with human control, empty traditions, or attempts to earn salvation. **John 10:10 (KJV)** *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."*

Thieves here represent destructive intruders and false leaders. Scripture also warns about Satan's destructive activity—**1 Peter 5:8**. Lesson here is to **Guard what God has entrusted to you, especially His Word and your faith**.

Biblical Examples

Deception — Genesis 3:1–6: The serpent distorted God's words and encouraged disobedience.
Manipulation — 2 Samuel 15:1–6: Absalom used promises and flattery to gain people's loyalty.
Religious obstruction — Matthew 23:13: Jesus rebuked leaders who hindered people from entering God's kingdom.
Exploitation — 2 Peter 2:1–3: False teachers used deceptive words for personal gain.

Questions

1. *How do we recognize false Spiritual Leaders today?* Matthew 7:15–20; 2 Peter 2:1–3.

2. *How can believers test spiritual teaching?* Acts 17:11; 1 John 4:1–3; Matthew 7:16.

V. Freedom Security and Pasture Through the Door

The promise to "**go in and out and find pasture**" pictures **security and provision**. It does not describe repeatedly entering and leaving salvation. Jesus gives freedom from slavery to sin and nourishment for our spiritual lives. Abundant life includes knowing God, receiving His peace, and growing in love and holiness. It is not a promise of constant wealth or comfort.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." **John 8:36 (KJV)**

John 6:35; John 17:3; Galatians 5:13; Romans 8:1.

Questions: *What does "find pasture" represent?*

Spiritually, Jesus sustains us through fellowship with Him and the truth of His Word. John 10:9; John 6:35.

What kind of freedom does Jesus give? Romans 6:6–14; 8:1; Galatians 5:13.

How can we confidently enjoy our security in Christ? Romans 8:31–39; Hebrews 10:19–23.

Personal Application

Question: *What step can I take this week to live in the truth that Jesus is the Door?*

Identify one area where fear, self-reliance, or human approval has displaced trust in Christ. Bring it to Him in prayer and take a practical step of obedience supported by Scripture. Proverbs 3:5–6; James 1:22.

Key Takeaway: Through Jesus alone, we enter salvation and God's covenant family. In Him, we find spiritual security, freedom from sin's rule, and the nourishment we need to grow.

Memory Verse: John 10:9. *"I am the door: by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."*