

**Jesus said, "I am the gate for the Sheep."
John 10:1-10**

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ABF Questions

Ice Breaker: As a child, what was your favorite pet? How did this pet respond when it heard your voice?

1. What is your takeaway from this passage of scripture?
2. What imagery used by Jesus in John 10:1-10 most encourages you today?
3. What does Jesus mean by likening himself to a gate for the sheep?
4. Who are the spiritual thieves and robbers today in our world?
5. How do you discern the voice of Jesus from all the voices that vie for your attention?
6. What are the indicators someone is in spiritual blindness (see John 10:6)? When have you been in spiritual blindness? Is there someone you are praying for who is in spiritual blindness?
7. How would you describe the abundant life for the Christian? How do you know when you are living the abundant life or a full spiritual life?
8. In John 10:10 Jesus speaks of having life to the full. This is referring to our daily experience of intimacy with Christ. Commenting on this topic Dr. Joseph Dillow wrote, *"But growth is not automatic; it is conditioned on our responses. Only by the exercise of spiritual disciplines such as prayer, community with other believers, personal worship, obedience, faith, study of the scriptures, and proper responses to trials, does our intimacy with Christ increase."* Which one of these actions has been most helpful to you? Can you think of anything else that might be involved in your growth as a Christian?
9. How does John 10:25-30 relate to the shepherd and sheep relationship in John 10:1-10?

Bonus Question: If you had to decide who the watchman is in John 10:3 what makes the most sense to you from scripture? Note: Commentators on this passage have given many suggestions as to his identity.