

## THE “I AM” STATEMENTS of JESUS (3<sup>rd</sup> lesson – I AM the Door)

### 1. John 10:7 New International Version (NIV) I AM the Door for the Sheep

**10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.”**

### 2. WHAT DOES IT SAY BEFORE THE VERSE? (LAUNCH, GUIDE & SUMMARIZE the discussion.)

#### **Jesus is the Door (Gate) for the Sheep.**

*10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” 6 Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.*

### 3. WHAT DOES IT SAY AFTER THE VERSE? (LAUNCH, GUIDE, SUMMARIZE group discussion)

*8 All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved.[a] They will come in and go out, and find pasture. 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

### 4. NOW, WHAT DOES THE VERSE SAY? (LAUNCH, GUIDE, SUMMARIZE group discussion)

**10:7** Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

### 5. ARE THERE ANY CROSS REFERENCES OR PARRALEL PASSAGES to John 10:7? (Same book & author, others?) Are there problems of understanding? Words, phrases, concepts?

a. What is a **CROSS REFERENCE**? (LGS) (Other Bible passages that relate to the one that had a cross reference on it.) John 10:11.

b. What is a **PARARRALEL PASSAGE**? (LGS) (A **parallel** passage is a passage in another portion of the **Bible** which describes the same event. Comparison of **parallel** passages within the **Bible** is a major area of **Biblical** scholarship. The technique of comparing Scripture with Scripture is important for determining correct **biblical** doctrine.)

**6. WHAT IS THE PASSAGE SAYING TO ME? (S.P.A.C.E.)** Is there a . . . (LGS)

**SIN** to forsake?

**PROMISE** to claim?

**ATTITUDE** to change?

**COMMAND** to obey?

**EXAMPLE** to follow?

**DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING NEW ABOUT GOD?** The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit?  
(LGS)

**7. CLOSING and PRAYER**

## **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR - "I AM THE DOOR (Gate), John 10:7, 9.**

### **John 10:1-6 (What does it say before the verse?)**

1. Who is Jesus talking to? Who are hearing Him speak? How many?
2. What kind of speak is this?
3. Who is Jesus principally talking about? Do they get it?
4. How would you describe the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep?
5. Other thoughts.

### **John 10:8-10 (What does it say after the verse?)**

1. What kind of "speech" is this again? Who's Jesus' audience?
2. Describe the comparison between between the shepherd and "all who came before Jesus.
3. What does His gate provide?
4. Other observations?

### **John 10:7 (Now, what does the verse say?)**

1. Describe the emphasis Jesus uses here. (Note: "Therefore", ...) What do you think such emphasis means in this context?
2. Describe a the sheep pen. What's it for? Are others allowed in? Are there other "pens?"

**Do you Know of any Cross References or Parallel Passages?** (same book & author; others?)  
Are there **problems** of understanding? Words, phrases, concepts?

**WHAT IS THE PASSAGE SAYING TO ME?** (s.p.a.c.e.; God-F,S,HS)

**Summary, Conclusion, Prayer.**

### The "I Am" Statements of Jesus

<b>Absolute "I am" statements</b>	6:20; 8:24, 28, 58; 18:5
<b>Metaphorical "I am" statements</b>	
1. I am the bread of life	6:35, 48, 51
2. I am the light of the world	8:12; 9:5
3. I am the door of the sheep	10:7, 9
4. I am the good shepherd	10:11, 14
5. I am the resurrection and the life	11:25
6. I am the way, the truth, and the life	14:6
7. I am the true vine	15:1