

I AM: The One Who Protects You
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Read

Read John 10.

Discuss

- Share about a time you encountered a rule that didn't make any sense.
- Read John 10:1-10. This is the second time we have read John 10. What new or different things stand out to you this week?
- Jesus' audience welcomed his message of security. What's the difference between pretending to be vulnerable and knowing that we are vulnerable? What's a time that you realized your vulnerability? What's stopping you from acknowledging your need for security?
- Can you relate to the story of the kite in Charles' message? Have there been moments in your life where you pursued "freedom" only to discover brokenness on the other side?
- Our culture tells us that we are self-sufficient and that true freedom is found in doing what we want. Where in your life do you feel yourself attracted to these attitudes? How can we align ourselves more with Jesus' perspective?
- Jesus has come so that his followers "may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). What's the difference between Jesus' gate and the Pharisees' religious rules? How can boundaries create life? Are you willing to embrace Jesus as the gate?
- Review Jesus' I AM statements. How do these statements act as boundaries for our lives? Which statement is the easiest for you to embrace, and why? Which statement is the hardest to embrace, and why?

Pray

Take turns praying Jesus' statements back to him. (John 8:12, 6:35, 15:5, 11:25-26, 14:6, 10:14, 10:9)

- Example: "You are the light of the world. Whoever follows you will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Next Steps

1. In John 10:16, Jesus says that he has "other sheep that are not of this sheep pen." This week, think about a few people in your life who don't yet know Jesus, and set aside time to pray regularly for them.

2. Now that we've gone through Jesus' statements, is there a way that you're seeing Jesus with new eyes, or a fresh perspective? What's one way that you might follow Jesus differently? Is there an action you can take or new rhythm you can put into practice?