

**Title:** Let's Make a Deal

**Text:** *"I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture."* (John 10:9)

**Target:** A door is more than a point of reference, it is a point of revelation.

I. **The Door is a Person:** *"I am the door"* (10:9a)

A. **We have a Champion:** *"I Am"*

1. **He existed before Creation:** *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made."* (John 1:1-3)
2. **He is God in flesh:** *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us...full of grace and truth."* (John 1:14)
3. **He is equal with God:** *"For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily."* (Col. 2:9)
4. **No one prophet greater:** *"For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."* (1 Timothy 2:5)

B. **We have a Choice:** *"the door"*

1. **Broad:** *"For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many."* (Matthew 7:13)
2. **Narrow:** *"For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few."* (Matthew 7:14)

II. **The Door is a Proposal:** *"If anyone enters by me"* (10:9b)

A. **We have an Invitation:** *"anyone"*

1. **No qualifiers:** *"The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.' And let the one who hears say, 'Come.' And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."* (Rev. 22:17)
2. **No preconditions:** *"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."* (John 1:12)
3. **No exceptions:** *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."* (Romans 10:13)

B. **We have an Expectation:** *"by me"*

1. **His Authority:** *"There is no other name given amongst men by which we must be saved."* (Acts 4:12)
2. **His Singularity:** *"By grace you have been saved, through faith, not of yourself, lest anyone should boast."* (Eph. 2:8)
  - a) **Not works or deeds**
  - b) **Good outweighing the bad**
  - c) **Not baptism or a class**

III. **The Door is a Promise:** *"he will be saved"* (10:9c)

A. **We have Confidence:** *"will be"*

1. **Not if:** *"Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved."* (Acts 16:31)
2. **Not maybe:** *"Whoever believes in the son has eternal life."* (John 3:36)

3. **Not eventually:** *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”* (Romans 10:13)

**B. We will be Changed: “saved”**

1. **Today:** *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ Jesus the old is gone and the new has come.”* (2 Cor 5:17)

2. **Tomorrow:** *“I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”* (Phil.1:6)

3. **Forever:** *“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”* (Matthew 24:35)

**IV. The Door is Protection:** *“will go in and out and find pasture”* (10:9d)

**A. We have Access (In):** *“I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.”* (John 10:28)

**B. We have Assurance (Out):** *“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”* (John 6:37)

**C. We have Abundance (Pasture):** *“Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.”* (Eph. 3:20)

**Takeaway:** Meet me at the front door!