

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)

Question #1: *What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the door"?*

Question #2: *How does recognizing Jesus as our Champion (John 1:1-3) change our view of salvation?*

Question #3: *Why is it significant that Jesus is equal with God (Col. 2:9)? How does this truth affect our faith?*

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**

Question #4: *Jesus invites “anyone” to enter—what does this reveal about His heart for people?*

Question #5: *Why do you think the narrow gate is harder to find and follow (Matt. 7:13-14)?*

Question #6: *What are some common misunderstandings about salvation (e.g., works, good deeds, baptism)? How does Ephesians 2:8 clarify the truth?*

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)

Question #7: *What does it mean to have confidence in salvation (Acts 16:31, John 3:36)?*

Question #8: *How has your life changed since accepting Christ? (2 Cor. 5:17)*

Question #9: *What assurance do we have that God will continue His work in us (Phil. 1:6)?*

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)*

Question #10: In what ways does Jesus provide security and provision for His followers (John 10:28)?

Question #11: How does God’s promise of abundance (Eph. 3:20) impact our daily lives?

Question #12: What does it mean to “go in and out and find pasture” in your spiritual walk

Takeaway: Meet me at the front door!

Weekly Challenge:

This week, identify one area in your life where you have been hesitant to fully trust Jesus as the door. Whether it’s in salvation, provision, protection, or assurance, take a step of faith by surrendering it to Him in prayer. Share with someone in the group how you are trusting Jesus in this area and encourage each other in faith!