



# STUDY GUIDE

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### [set up]

Take 2 minutes and write down all the religions and beliefs you can (use a large post-it for your LifeGroup if you have one).

What is the 60-second version of your faith background?

### [digging deeper]

Referring to the list you just made, why do you think we have so many religions in this world?

Why do you think people find themselves believing that religious pluralism (that all faiths are equal and lead to God) is true, despite the irreconcilable differences and contradictory nature of most faith systems?

### Read John 10:1-10

Jesus uses a metaphor to explain who He is. Using the language of Jesus, what are the meanings and applications of the following terms? Discuss them in your LifeGroup.

- The Door
- Another way
- The Shepherd
- The thieves and robbers
- Saved
- Steal/kill/destroy
- Pasture

This language, like most language referring to Jesus, communicates that Jesus is the exclusive way to God, to heaven, and for forgiveness. Look up these verses as well: John 3:16-18; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; John 3:36; Matthew 7:13-14; 1 John 5:11-12.

Why is that so difficult for people to accept? How is that also freeing?

Explain the statement, “Jesus didn’t come to show us a door, but to be the door.”

Jesus promises not only salvation to those who believe in Him, but pasture as well. What does that look like? How do we experience “pasture” in Christ? Read the well-known Psalm 23 to jump start your thoughts.

How have you experienced the saving and the good pasture of Jesus?

**[living it out]**

Who is someone you know that does not know Christ yet, who has not entered through the door God has provided? As a LifeHouse, think especially of your neighbors.

Write down a few names here. Pray over each of these names this week, that God would draw them to Himself and reveal Himself as the only way into God’s “fold.”

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God wants to use you to help invite people into the fold. A big part of being useful in sharing the good news of Christ is knowing your faith story (testimony). This week, write down your story again and prayerfully prepare yourself to share it with someone. You can even add the language that you have seen in John 10. Here is a link to help you if you need a kick-start:

<http://www.cvconline.org/resources/how-to-write-your-story/>