

I AM

APR 1/2

Title: "Open Door Policy"

Text: John 10:7-10

Target: We continue our "I AM" series on the 7 statements of Jesus that declare His deity; we arrive at a two-part message that reveals Jesus as the "Good Shepherd", serving as a fulfillment of Ezekiel 34:11-17. Shepherding imagery in Scripture is always a reflection of role and responsibility in the context of relationship, which is the very invitation

that Jesus extends to all through Him being the "OPEN DOOR POLICY".

WHEN JESUS PROCLAIMS HE IS THE DOOR, HERE IS WHAT HE IS SAYING:

I. THE DOOR IS A PERSON *"I AM the door" (vs. 9)*

Application: Remember the Marks of Distinction: Jesus as the Door reveals the pursuit of His heart to win your heart.

II. The DOOR IS A PROPOSAL *"If anyone enters by me" (vs. 9)*

Application: Requires a Moment of Decision: Jesus as the Door reveals an invitation unto acceptance.

III. THE DOOR IS A PROMISE *"he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" (vs. 9)*

Application: Receive the Message of Deliverance: Jesus as the Door reveals security in His presence.

IV. THE DOOR IS PROTECTION *"the thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (vs. 10)*

Application: Recognize the Method of Destruction: Jesus as the Door reveals the illegitimacy of intrusion.

V. THE DOOR IS PROVISION *"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (vs. 10)*

Application: Restore the manner of Delight: Jesus as the Door reveals the quality of eternal life.