



Summer Blockbuster Reading Challenge

3 months—4 Gospels—Go!

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Take your Pulse

Who is someone that is a great example of faith for you?

Who is someone who really needs a lot of prayers today?

Today's Reading

John Chapter 10

The author John uses a pattern in telling these different stories of Jesus. A situation is described, Jesus enters and performs a sign, Jesus is questioned about the sign, Jesus explains the sign, the Jewish authorities are mad because the sign is demonstrated to be from God, but not in the way they want God to be demonstrated, so they attempt to either stone or arrest Jesus, and he escapes the moment because it is not his hour. Some believe because of the sign, some believe because of Jesus explaining the sign, some believe just to be contrary to the Jewish authorities who are so adamantly opposed to Jesus. The point John wants us to hear again and again is what it means to believe in God, and the one God sent—Jesus. Signs are not the ultimate, they are only pointing to the ultimate. The ultimate is a belief in God.



Start the Thinking

Jesus uses the metaphor of a gate and a shepherd to describe himself. Throughout our lifetime we encounter many shepherds who lead us to Jesus, the gate entering us into eternal life, and the good shepherd, who leads us through all eternal life. Who have some of these shepherds been in your life?



Conversing with God

Light of the World, shine your light on the path to the gate and the good shepherd, Jesus. May we see the abundant life we have when we enter by the gate and are led by your Son. May our belief in you help lead others to the same gate and the same pasture of abundant life. In your holy name we pray. Amen



Be blessed

Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ, our Savior, is alive! The grave could not hold him. Christ is alive! There is joy this morning! Go into the world with joy. Tell the world Christ lives. Tell the world of God's love. Go, my sisters and brothers, go without fear; go without shame; go without apology. Go in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.