

**“I Am The Door”**  
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**Scripture Reading: John 10: 7-10 NRSV**

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers; but the sheep did not heed them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door; if anyone enters by me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What is one of your favorite magical doors in literature or the movies? Why do doors interest us?
2. What jumps out at you about this passage?
3. Doors can have different functions:
  - a) What does an open door mean?
  - b) What does a closed door mean?
  - c) What about a door that is ajar?
  - d) A slamming door?
4. Who does Jesus open his door to? Who does he close his door to? Why?
5. If your life were a door, what kind would it be and why?
  - \*A French door?
  - \*A Doggie Door?
  - \*A Revolving Door?
  - \*A Prison Door?
  - \*A cellar door?
  - \*A Fire Escape Door?
6. If the door of your life had a sign on it, what would it read?
  - \*Do not disturb
  - \*Welcome—come on in!
  - \*Enter at your own risk
  - \*Out to lunch
  - \*Closed
  - \*Open for business
7. What are your thoughts on this statement: *It can be a little scary to cross that threshold into a new room. But spiritual growth and transformation first require uncertainty, loss, and sacrifice. As we walk through the door there are no guarantees. There are a lot of unknowns and questions. But faith demands a willingness to give up control and to live with some ambiguity as we step into the unknown.*
8. What might be the thieves and robbers that Jesus’ closes the door to in our passage?
9. How does Jesus give abundant life to us in this life? The next?
10. Do you think Jesus is the only door? *Why or why not?*