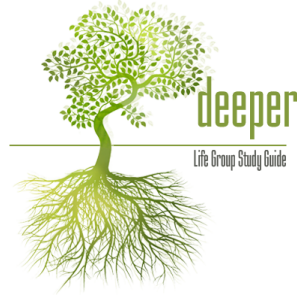


## Deeper Questions

### The Rest of the Story: The Gate and Shepherd

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### Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

### Worship (Us to God)

Read Psalm 100... The creator of the universe loves and cares for us. That's good news and a reason to rejoice! Thank God for specific ways He has loved you and cared for you.

### Word (God to Us)

1. What influences people's decision to follow, or not follow, Jesus?
2. Read John 10:7-10... Who are the "thieves and robbers" that Jesus is talking about? What were they robbing from people? Where do you see thieves and robbers today?
3. What does Jesus mean when He says He is the gate? If we enter through the gate, Jesus says we will have "life to the full". What does it mean to have life to the full? Why is that attractive?
4. Read Matthew 7:13-14... Why do so many people choose the "road that leads to destruction"?

5. Jesus says His "gate" leads to life. Why do so few people find His gate? How do you know what path you are traveling down?

6. Jesus is the only way to life. Does the direction of your life reflect that? What needs to change so that you are fully committed to following Jesus?

7. Read John 10:16... Jesus has a heart for those who are lost. Once we are following Jesus we should have that same heart. How can you better engage your heart for the lost?

### Response (Us to the World)

Think about the people with whom you regularly interact. What can you do to tell them about the good news of what Jesus has done?