



PART 1: The Gate

INTRODUCTION

We all want to live fully alive. Unfortunately, there's only one path that leads us from seeking a fully alive life to experiencing a fully alive life. Most people spend their entire lives looking for it. But how do we discover the path that allows us to exchange looking for living?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe a time in your life when you felt most alive. What was it about your circumstances or relationships at that time that made you feel that way?
2. Living a full life can work against living life to the full. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? How has this played out in your own life?
3. Read John 10:1-10. In the parable, God is the Shepherd, we are the sheep, and Jesus is the gate. We may have good moments in life, but the only way to experience life to the full is through Jesus. What prevents you from trusting Jesus in the gaps of your life?
4. On a scale of 1 to 10, how fully alive do you think you are today? Do you believe that living fully alive is possible?
5. Read Galatians 5:22-23. As you read through this list is there someone who comes to mind? How have you experienced the goodness of God through this person?
6. What is one thing you can do to begin to make Jesus your "gate" to living fully alive? How can this group encourage you?

MOVING FORWARD

We want to believe it's possible to live fully alive, but that kind of life isn't experienced through a series of pleasant moments. Being fully alive is being full of the goodness of God. And the fullness of God is available to you today, but only in and through Jesus.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:9-10