



Discussion Prompts

The Discussion Prompts are provided to dig deeper into a sermon with the respective title mentioned on the right side of this guide (you can find the sermons at www.manheimbic.org/sermon).

Connect

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, fellowship. Just arrive after a long week of all kind of things. - Ask: Who are you personally?

Care

Carry each others burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Cry together. Support each other. Pray together. - Ask: How are you doing?

Challenge

Dive into God's word to learn from each others insight. Encourage & challenge each other to a godly life. - Ask: What is God teaching us today?

Study Guide:

This weeks I AM word precedes Jesus healing a blind man, but he does so on a Sabbath. In the following argument with the Pharisees he then says **I am the Door. (John 10:9)** - What in the world does a door have to do with the Sabbath day? What is Jesus saying here?

Pastor Bryce points out that Jesus' claim to be the door first of all means that **everyone** can enter into a relationship with God, through Jesus' redeeming work on the cross.

But then he says that anyone who enter into this relationship with God, through Jesus, will also (1) be save, and (2) will find rest. In Jesus' presence we find the much needed rest. Rest from the business of the world. And Rest from life's challenges.

Let's make this practical. If Jesus is the door to a *room* of rest, and *outside* is the noise of the world, then ask yourself these three questions:

1. In which busy room (environment) are you currently in, where you need to step out of for some time? Not quit, but step out of and walk into a time of rest with God. What is that *busy thing* that keeps your head spinning. Name it. Claim it. Admit it: You are busy.
2. Now, purposefully STOP what you have just identified as the **Too-Busy**. Check in your calendar when it suits you to NOT do that *busy thing*.
3. On that day, at that time, enter into God's room. Create (or find) an environment in which you can rest **and** connect with God. That can be on a hiking trail, or on a Harley Davidson, or a LazyBoy. This can be with a Bible in one hand and a coffee in the other, just you and God. Or it can be a fun activity with your family. But away from that *busy thing*.

At least once a week go through that door and find peace and rest. Rest in the presence of God and enjoy HIS creation.

Clarify

Know what's to do next, with the studies text, within the group, and in general. Have a mission for the week. - Ask: How do we apply what we have learned?

Celebrate

Celebrate life's success and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to *brag* about God. - Ask: What has God done in our life that deserves praise?

I am the DOOR

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)



Initiate and nurture a Growing Relationship with Christ