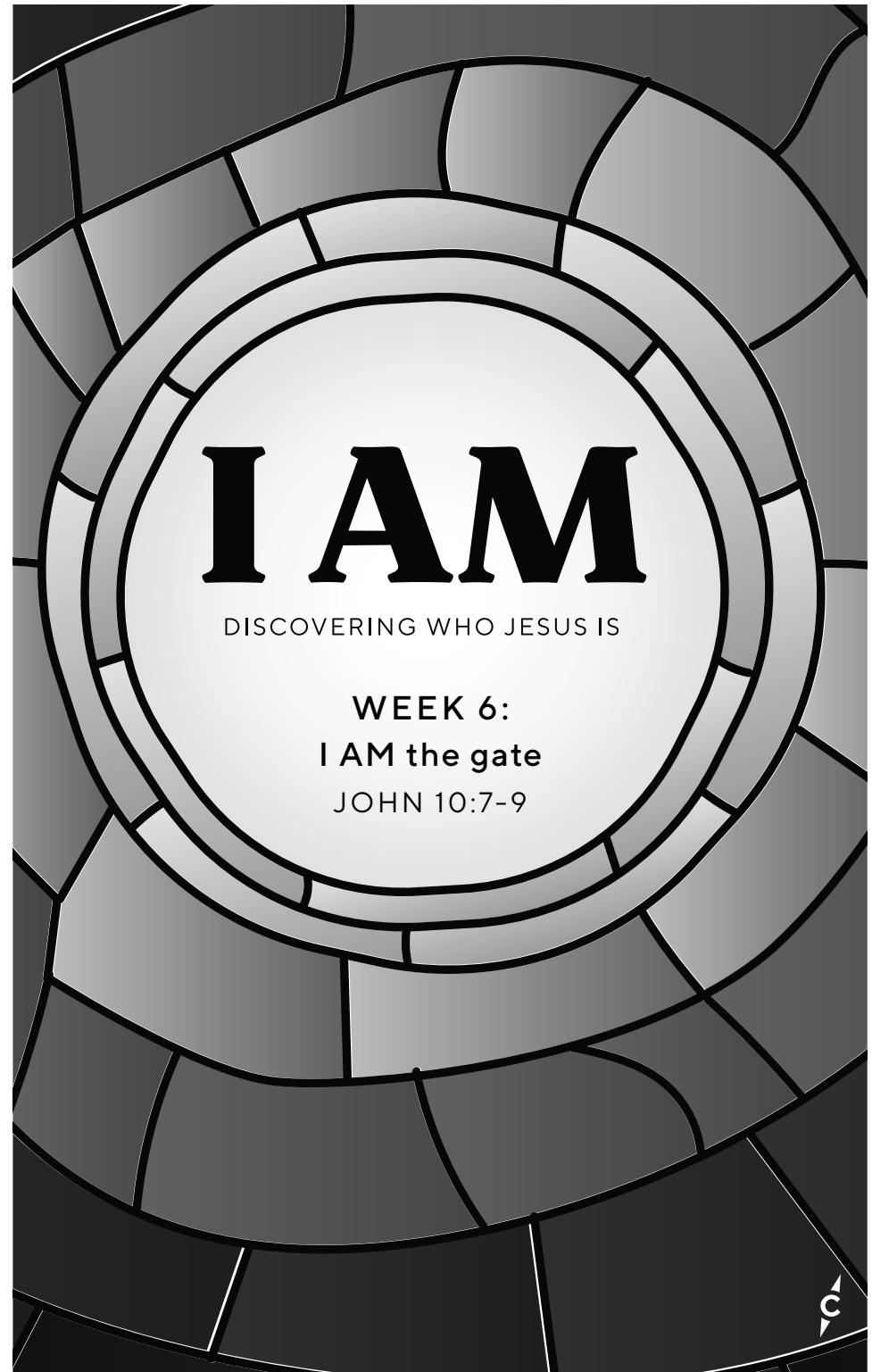


NOTES & QUOTES



CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. If you had to create a saying to go on a welcome mat to inform someone about what they might experience behind the front door of your home, what would it say?
2. What important things in your life do you tend to build a fence of safety around?
3. What are you most excited about regarding Easter this year?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Psalm 79:13; 95:7; 100:3; and Isaiah 53:6. What imagery does the Bible use to describe God's children and what does this tell you about your relationship with him?
5. Read John 10:1-6. Why do the sheep follow the shepherd through the gate and why would they never follow a stranger?
6. Read John 10:7-10. Why do you think it's important that Jesus refers to himself as "the gate" here?

7. Why is it significant that Jesus is both the "gate" and the "shepherd"?
8. In John 10:9, what do you think Jesus means by "they will come in and go out and find pasture"?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

9. What other "gates" in our world might be calling for us to walk through them, and how can we avoid entering?
10. Where are you discerning the voice of the "Good Shepherd" in your life right now?
11. Are there doors Jesus may be opening and others he may be closing in your life currently?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Therefore Jesus said again, "Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture." JOHN 10:1-2