

Stepping Through

(“From Death to Life” / “The Door Has Opened”)

BIG IDEA

**The cross didn’t just forgive you—
the resurrection invites you to step into a new reality.**

OPENING

Illustration: The Door Frame

Describe it clearly:

“Imagine a door frame.

One side represents life *before* Jesus’ finished work...

The other side represents life *after* His victory.”

The question is not: *Is the door open?*

The question is: **Have you stepped through?**

Core Scripture

- John 10:9 (ESV)
“I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved...”

Transition

Good Friday = The door was opened

Resurrection Sunday = The way is now alive

SIDE 1 — BEFORE THE DOOR (OLD REALITY)

Standing outside / before the finished work

1. Separation from God

- Isaiah 59:2
“Your iniquities have made a separation...”
- Distance
- Disconnection

2. Slavery to Sin

- Romans 6:23
“For the wages of sin is death...”
- Sin wasn’t just an action—it was a condition

3. Under Condemnation

- Romans 8:1 (*contrast setup*)
Implies we *were* condemned before Christ

4. Without Hope

- Ephesians 2:12
“...having no hope and without God in the world.”
- This is life **before the door**

Pause and say:

“Some people are still living here...”

TRANSITION MOMENT

Good Friday + Resurrection

- John 19:30
“It is finished.”
- Matthew 28:6
“He is not here, for he has risen...”

THE DOOR FRAME ITSELF

Passover Connection

- Exodus 12:13
“When I see the blood, I will pass over you...”
- Blood on the doorposts
- Now Jesus is the door

Jesus Declares

- John 10:9
“I am the door...”
- The door is not a concept—it’s a Person
- You don’t fix your life—you **step through Christ**

SIDE 2 — AFTER THE DOOR (NEW REALITY)

Life on the resurrection side

1. Forgiven & Free

- Colossians 2:13–14
“...God made you alive... having forgiven us all our trespasses...”

2. No Condemnation

- Romans 8:1
“There is therefore now no condemnation...”

3. New Life

- 2 Corinthians 5:17
“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

4. Victory

- 1 Corinthians 15:57
“Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory...”

5. Access to God

- Hebrews 10:19
“...confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus...”
- This is life **after the door**

Say slowly:

“The tragedy is not that the door is closed...
The tragedy is that people stand in the doorway...
and never step through.”

Three Types of People

1. Outside the Door

- Need salvation

2. Standing in the Doorway

- Believe, but not fully surrendered

3. Inside — But Living Like Outside

- Not walking in freedom

Call to Action

- Step through
- Leave the old behind
- Walk into resurrection life