# The Gospel Of John

## **ICEBREAKER**

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## **CONTEXT**

We read two more of Jesus' "I Am" statements in this passage. Jesus explains how He is both the Gate and the Good Shepherd, in contrast to the religious leaders of the day. Jesus ends with clear language that He has authority over life and death.

## **PASSAGE**

John 10:1-21

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## **DISCUSS**

## 1. What have you learned from this text?

- What stood out to you as we read the text? Why?
- How does Jesus' statement in verse 10 shed light on His purpose as the gate?
- Jesus contrasts the good shepherd and the hired hand in verses 11-13. What are the main differences? What does this tell you about who Jesus is?

## **DISCUSS CONTINUED**

- What is the responsibility of the sheep in this passage? The Shepherd? How does that make you feel?
- Why is it significant that Jesus is both the gate and the shepherd?
- Reread verses 16-18. What kind of response do you have to these verses?

## 2. How will you apply this to your life?

- What has the Holy Spirit brought to mind for you to apply going forward?
- What are some obstacles to applying these principles to your life?

## 3. How will you pass it on to someone?

- If someone asked you to explain why John 10:1-21 is in the Bible, what would you tell them? Why?
- How will you incorporate what you've learned into your interactions with others?

# **NEXT STEPS**

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