

John 10:1-21 – The Good Shepherd

1. How did you see God move and experience His presence this week?

2. What most resonates with you when you think of Jesus as the Good Shepherd?

To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. **(John 10:3-4)**

3. How does God speak to you most clearly? Do you have habits and rhythms in place to listen for His voice? What do you think we can do to more intentionally listen and hear God speak?

A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.” This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. **(John 10:5-10)**

4. What do you think are the voices of “strangers, thieves and robbers” to be aware of in our culture and in your own life? How do these things lure us in, promising life, but actually steal, kill and destroy?

5. In contrast to “the thief” (v.10), what do you think Jesus meant when He said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”? What does it mean for us to walk more fully in the abundant life Jesus offers?

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep... I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.” **(John 10:11, 15-18)**

6. What do the above verses show us about the heart of God and who He is?

7. What has God been saying to you lately through Bible-reading, the Word preached, His Spirit prompting you, and the people and circumstances around you?

8. How is God calling you to respond to His word? – In confession and prayer, and in action empowered by God’s Spirit?

Spend time praying together as a group as the Holy Spirit has prompted you through the truth of this passage.