

John Study – The Greatest Hits Series

An Invitation to Be Shepherded

John 10:1-18

March 1/2

Icebreaker Question: Describe a time when you felt truly cared for—maybe by a friend, family member, or even a stranger. What did they do that made you feel safe or known?

Discussion Questions:

Read John 10:1-18

1. Who are the different characters in this passage? What do you notice about how they interact with one another? (shepherd, sheep, thief, gatekeeper, etc.)
2. Jesus calls Himself "the gate" (or "door") in verse 7. What does this metaphor tell us about His role? How does this shape our understanding of salvation and security in Him?
3. In verse 10, Jesus contrasts Himself with the thief. What makes the Good Shepherd different from a hired hand or a thief? How does the way we come to God (through Jesus, the gate) influence what it looks like to follow Him?
4. What do you think it means to "recognize" Jesus' voice? How do we discern His voice today? How do you personally know when it's Jesus speaking to you?
5. Pastor Rodney said Jesus isn't just offering guidance; He is offering Himself. What is the difference between the two?
6. Jesus says, "I know my own and my own know me" (v. 14). What does it mean to be known by Jesus? How does being known by Jesus impact our ability to receive His care?
7. What are some challenges or hindrances to receiving the care that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, offers? (Fear, self-reliance, distractions, past wounds, etc.)
8. Jesus says He lays down His life willingly. Why is this significant?

Application:

1. In what ways do you struggle to receive Jesus's care, leadership, or protection? 2. Where do you need to experience the care of the Good Shepherd? What would that look like for you in your current season of life?

Closing Prayer

Spend time thanking Jesus for being the Good Shepherd. Ask Him to lead and guide you, and pray for those who need to hear and respond to His voice.