

Scripture | John 10:1-10

- Ice Breaker**
1. Who is someone famous whose voice you easily recognize? Why do you think they are so easy for you to recognize?
 2. Think about someone who has been a guide or helper for you in your life. What did that person do or say that helped you or provided guidance when you needed it?

- Going Deeper**
1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
 2. Read John 10:1-10
 3. If you had to summarize what this section is about, how would you describe it in a sentence or two?
 4. Besides being white and fluffy, what do you know about sheep? How would you describe sheep, and the way they behave, to someone who has never experienced sheep?
 5. What/who do the sheep, shepherd, sheep pen and stranger represent in Jesus' story?
 6. Why do the sheep know the shepherd's voice? How does the shepherd treat the sheep?
 7. Jesus notes that the shepherd knows the sheep by name. This implies that the shepherd/leader knows the sheep personally and cares for them. Think about some of the leaders you follow (political leaders, teachers, bosses, internet personalities, pastors, athletes, etc.), how many of them would you say know you and care about you? How do they demonstrate their care?
 8. Why do the sheep follow the shepherd in Jesus' story? What does the shepherd do to lead them?
 9. In verse 7 Jesus says he is the door to which the shepherd enters the gate, what is he saying about the shepherds and the sheep in using this metaphor for himself?
 10. At the end of this section Jesus says he came for us to have an abundant life. What does that mean? What does it look like to live an abundant life? How would we get such a life?
 11. On Sunday Rob shared about the cycle of grief and grace from James Lawrence's *Growing Leaders*. The cycle of grief is marked by finding your identity in your achievement and pursuit of acceptance through your achievements, while the cycle of grace is defined by finding your identity in your acceptance from Jesus as a free gift. How was the way of the pharisees a cycle of grief? Why is Jesus' way better?