

**Scripture** | John 10:10-21, Psalm 23

- Ice Breaker**
1. As a child, did you have a favourite pet? How did this pet respond when it heard your voice?
  2. Is there an area in life where you find yourself more in the role of a leader than a follower?

- Going Deeper**
1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
  2. Read John 10:10-21
  3. The context of this passage is a continuing story found in chapter 9, where Jesus heals a blind man. This led him into conflict with the religious leaders, the Pharisees, who felt it wrong that he was healing on the sabbath. If you were a Pharisee, how do you think you would feel after Jesus said his statement in verse 10? How would you respond?
  4. The desire for a full or abundant life is as relevant today as it was for Jesus' initial audience. What are some of the "thieves" that exist in our life that prevent us from experiencing a full life?
  5. How might we learn to be more attentive to Jesus' voice and less easily deceived by those who seek to harm us?
  6. In verse 11, Jesus calls himself the good shepherd. What distinguishing mark does Jesus repeat three times in describing the good shepherd in this section?
  7. Read Psalm 23. How does this psalm relate to what Jesus has said in John?
  8. By calling himself the good shepherd, what else might Jesus be implying?
  9. Who are the other sheep Jesus is speaking of? How might that statement have sounded to its initial audience?
  10. What were people's reactions to what Jesus said? Why do you think people had these two opposing reactions to the same event?
  11. John 10 contrasts Jesus and the religious leaders of his time. Jesus, in his words and actions, demonstrates how the religious leaders did not care for the people, and he did. Sometimes, the people who are meant to represent God do not do a good job at it and sometimes cause harm to people. What would you say to someone who either has experienced pain from a religious leader or hears the news of religious leaders doing wrong, that Jesus is still worth following and wants to give you an abundant life?