Week 1 BRBC Groups November 21, 2021

Scripture

John 10:1-21

Ice Breaker

- 1. What one word would you use to describe this past month? Why?
- 2. What activity to find the most joy in doing?

Going Deeper

- 1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
- 2. What do you think most people would say a full life looks like?
- 3. If someone were to ask you what a full life looks like, what would you say?
- 4. Read John 10:1-6
- 5. What do the sheep, shepherd, sheep pen and stranger represent in this story? Why do you think Jesus would use these images?
- 6. How do the sheep respond to the shepherd? How does this relate to the Pharisees' difficulty in understanding Jesus?
- 7. Read John 10:7-21
- 8. What does Jesus mean by calling himself the gate for the sheep? Who are the thieves and robbers, and how do they relate to what Jesus is saying?
- 9. In verse 10, Jesus says he came so people could have life and have it to the full. The word used for life implies that it means life now on this earth and a future hope. What does it look like for a follower of Jesus to have a full life, in your opinion?
- 10. Jesus calls himself a good shepherd; what do you think of when you hear Jesus call himself this?
- 11. In the message this week, Rob referred to a difference in the way Jesus leads us as a shepherd, going before us and we follow, and how the religious leaders in the text, and some today, served more as ranchers pushing people in a direction. When you think of how leaders have operated in your experience, were they more like shepherds or ranchers? Which way of leading do you think is more beneficial in the long run?
- 12. Rob used four words (Worship, submission, imitation, and proclamation) to describe how we can more to experiencing a full, flourishing life. What do each of these mean, and how do we apply them in our lives?
- 13. Is there anything in this text that struck you that you would like to share that we have not yet talked about?

