

the
GOSPEL
of
JOHN

...that you may believe!

BIBLE STUDY 6

Have you found anything interesting or challenging in God's Word this week?

BREAKING THE ICE: Have you ever heard God's voice? Have you been able to discern His leading? How did you know it was Him?

1. **READ JOHN 10:1-6.** Jesus is directing His words to the Pharisees, the spiritual leaders of the time, who had just expelled the formerly blind man from the synagogue. What is He implying about them, according to verse 1?
2. What kinds of qualities should a good shepherd have, according to verse 2-4?
3. What does it mean to 'enter by the gate'? Who had or hadn't entered by this gate? Who is the 'gatekeeper'?
4. Why do you think the Pharisees couldn't understand Jesus' figure of speech?
5. **READ JOHN 10:7-10.** What is the way to salvation (or safety), according to verse 9? How do we, the sheep, find this?
6. What kinds of 'false doors' have you heard of – extra requirements or works that religions or cults may demand of their followers before they can attain their salvation? Why can these never lead us to God?
7. What is the 'abundant life', or 'life to the full' that Jesus speaks about in verse 10? When can we hope to experience this kind of life?
8. **READ JOHN 10:11-13.** What is the difference between a good shepherd and a hireling, according to these verses? What point is Jesus making?
9. **READ JOHN 10:14-18.** How can we know Jesus, and how does He know us, according to verse 14-15?
10. What other sheep is Jesus speaking about in verse 16? Where would these sheep come from?
11. According to verse 18, who took Jesus' life from Him? What does this tell you about the nature of Jesus' sacrificial love for His sheep?

PRAY: For the 'lost sheep' who have strayed from the Good Shepherd.

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