



Community Group Study: I AM the Good Shepherd
I Am - Part 4 | John 10:11-16 | Week of December 10

GETTING STARTED

- Growing up, who was the authority figure in your family? How was disobedience handled?

Read John 10:11-18.

DISCUSS & APPLY

- What distinguishing mark of the “good shepherd” does Jesus repeat three times in verses 11-18?
- How does this contrast with what a good shepherd does *not* do (v. 12-13)?
- What are some specific ways that we can imitate the good shepherding work of Jesus on our behalf? (See Philippians 2:3-4.)
- What kind of intimacy does Jesus share with his Father? How does it make you feel to consider the fact that Jesus *knows you* this same way (v. 14-15)?

- How does the fact that you are *fully known* by Christ free you to relate more openly and vulnerably with others? How can this openness and vulnerability testify to the power and truth of the gospel?
- How does Jesus' desire to open wide the sheepfold for all who would hear his voice challenge some of our "ways of doing church" today?
- Read 1 Peter 2:24-25. In what ways do you still find yourself tempted to *stray like a sheep*? In what ways do you need to, even now, "return to the Shepherd and Overseer of your soul" (2:25)?

NEXT STEPS

- Pray: Give thanks to God for sending the sacrificial Shepherd to lay down his life for you and the whole world. Ask that you would always be attentive to his voice, and that you'd always be able to distinguish it from those who seek your destruction.