

11-15 Jesus, The Good Shepherd

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LISTEN

to the right voice

16-18 More Sheep, but One Flock, One Shepherd, and One Father

Opening

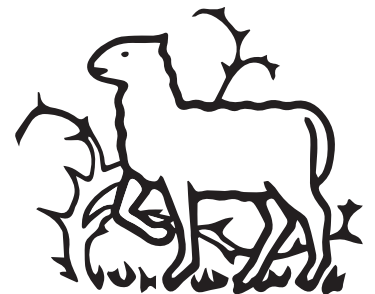
Through the scripture

1-6 Jesus' Speech figures: Gate, Shepherd, and Strangers

19-21 The Jews/Leadership Response

7-10 Jesus: The Gate and the Shepherd

So What? Now What?





PILGRIM

HOME GROUPS

The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

HOME CHURCH OR SMALL GROUP/CLASS QUESTIONS

1. "Breaking the Ice" question: (group facilitator)
2. Check-ins: What's been happening in your week(s) since last meeting? Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check in with each other
3. Care: Needs in the group; name needs and sentence prayers (short sentences/ open ended, not long-winded) at end
4. Compassion: What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join?
5. Group Announcements (church-wide and group-only)
6. Dig in: Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week's teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? (3) These questions are only guides. You may go other directions based on the Bible passage and teaching as well!

+ Have you ever been able to make out a loved one's voice in a noisy environment? Tell the story.

+ Have you ever had a pet, how did they respond to your voice?

+ Reread 1-18. What contrasts are in vv. 1-5?

+ How can we apply this to leadership in the church? What would be good ways what would be missing the mark or adding the wrong things?

+ Psalm 23 speaks of God as the ultimate good and competent shepherd. Ezekiel 34 is a rebuke to the false shepherds of Israel. What should we look to God for in leadership and what should a proper undershepherd look like (given diverse gifts and plurality of eldership)?

+ What else does this passage in John speak about regarding our individual responsibilities in learning to listen to God's voice?

+ The original sheep are the people of Israel, but YHWH, Israel's God was never interested in only Israel. The "other sheep" v. 16 are people from every nation under heaven. There are sheep not yet in God's sheepfold. How do you think this sounded in Jesus' world, run by Rome?

+ What challenges does Jesus desire to open the fold for all who hear his voice challenge some of our ways of "doing church"?

+ 19-21 speak of responses to Jesus teaching here. In what ways are these similar to people's responses today to Jesus and His church?

+ What other directions came out of this Bible teaching for you? What is the Spirit saying to you/this group right now?

+ Take time this week to listen for the Good Shepherd's voice in the scripture, music and through prayer.

7. End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.