



All Things New

John 10:1-21 — May 29th, 2022

Many people have tried to find their own way to the Father, and yet no one can on their own. For a while, the only way to be with God was by living up to a standard no one could reach. This is why Jesus was sent to be the Good Shepherd, lovingly guiding us along the path we could never have walked on our own. After all, like sheep, so many of us have tended to wander off if left to our own devices, and like sheep, we don't often know what's best for ourselves. However, as we grow closer to Christ, we become more accustomed to his voice. We recognize him more easily and are able to tune out alternate voices to listen to his alone.

Read John 10:1-21

Discuss:

- 1 Many people today are not as familiar with shepherding as John's culture was. What metaphor might we use today that might convey similar ideas but be more easily understood?
- 2 In what way is Jesus both "the gate for the sheep" (v. 7, NIV) and also "the good shepherd" (v. 14, NIV)? How can these both be true at the same time?
- 3 Why might Jesus' listeners have been so polarized about his teachings in this passage? Do you think this passage is likely to polarize people today for the same or different reasons?
- 4 In what ways has Jesus "shepherded" you in your life? Do you tend to quickly recognize when he is doing so?
- 5 What does this passage communicate about the heart of God?