

THE DOOR TO SO MUCH MORE

March 16, 2025

Get a Grip & Get a Life // Truth That Divides // John 10:1-10

CONNECT – Announcements (page 2) & Building Relationships

1. Is there anything noteworthy that is going on in your life since last week? Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others since we last met?
2. A common theme in the Bible (and certainly in John 10) is that God's people are like sheep. If we were all instantly transformed into a literal flock of sheep, what sort of sheep would you be? Would you be A) bold and adventurous, B) cautious and curious, C) stubborn and sassy, or D) chill and cozy? And what would you want your sheep name be?
3. Have you ever had a pet or animal that followed your voice or reacted in a unique way to you?

REFLECT - Out of the Word and Into Our Lives

4. From a fresh reading of John 10:1-10 [read it together], what's one thing that speaks to you in your current walk?
5. What's one thing from this week's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
6. Pastor Jeremy talked about how the animal we are most frequently likened to in the Bible is a sheep. What are some characteristics of sheep that you see in yourself or others?
7. Have a group member to read Jeremiah 23:1-4. What results should we expect to see from sheep who are shepherded well?
8. In what ways have you experienced the difference between a true shepherd and a thief or robber in your spiritual journey?
9. What are some "other doors" people try to go through in life, and why do those not lead to abundant life?
10. Jesus said that His sheep know His voice. What helps you to discern His voice over all competing voices in your life?
11. How does the idea of abundant life that Jesus presents in John 10:10 differ from what our world presents as a successful life?
12. Pastor Jeremy said that "nothing comes into the sheepfold without going through the Shepherd." How does that encourage or challenge you?

PROTECT – Care for one another (divided, gender-specific groups)

13. What's one area of your life where you feel most vulnerable or prone to "wander?" How can we pray for you and help you stay near the Shepherd instead of drifting toward the voice of strangers?



14. What burdens can we lift up for one another in prayer this week — spiritually, emotionally, physically?

Let one of your group members pray over these requests.

Announcements

Reminder: our Red Cross **Blood Drive** will be hosted at the church on Monday, 3/24 from 3-7:30pm. Sign up to give via <https://nvf.life/blooddrive>

Have you heard about our **Monday Missions**? Each Monday from 3-6pm, the Mad Bean's Madison branch gives 50% of its proceeds to our church to invest entirely in our missions partners. And most Mondays, Pastor Jeremy works from the Mad Bean during those same hours and meets with anyone from the church that wants to meet. We invite you out for a cup of Joe for a Great Commission Cause on an upcoming Monday of your choice.

Individual Options for Going Deeper

Read **Ezekiel 34** and make a list of contrasts between what a true shepherd of God's people does and what a false shepherd of God's people does. Then pray for the shepherds of God's people. Pray for those who are in pastoral ministry, with a clear calling to shepherd God's flock. Pray that God would help our pastor and other pastors in our area to stay focused on the Chief Shepherd and care well for His flock. Pray for those who lead our flock on our Ministry Leadership Team and over the various ministries and serving teams of the church. Pray for our teachers of all ages. And pray that God would call more faithful shepherds to the ministry of steering the multitudes around us who are like sheep without a shepherd.