

## Sermon Discussion Guide

Unrecognized King: Week 3

### Prayer

Take a few moments at the beginning and end of your group time to pray for each other and for your discussion in God's Word.

### Read

John 10:1-21

### Main Ideas

In this passage, Jesus confronts the Pharisees and declares Himself "the good shepherd". The text shows that as our Shepherd, Jesus calls His people to Himself, leads us into deeper and more abundant life, and is willing to lay His life down for His people.

### Icebreaker Question

- Would you rather never wait in line or never sit in traffic?

### Discussion Questions

1. In this passage, Jesus describes Himself as "the good shepherd".
  - a. What does He have in common with a shepherd?
  - b. What is Jesus revealing about what He does for us by using this description?
2. As a group, read Ezekiel 34:1-4 and 34:11-16, as well as Psalm 23.
  - a. What similarities do you see between this Ezekiel passage and Jesus' conversation with the religious leaders in John 10?
  - b. What does Psalm 23 show us about God's shepherding heart?
3. In v. 3, Jesus describes those who follow Him as able to "listen to his voice".
  - a. Do you ever wonder if you are hearing from God or someone else?
  - b. How do we grow in our ability to hear the voice of God?
4. Is there a specific area that you are experiencing God's guidance or correction? What does the imagery of a sheep show us about how we are to respond to our Shepherd?
5. In v. 11-15, Jesus declares the protection that He offers to His sheep. As a group, take some time to think about and give thanks for the ways that you have seen God's protection in your own lives.