



## **Week 16** **Discussion Questions**

**Text:** John 10:1-42

**Icebreaker:** Reflect and share one way you experienced Jesus work in your life this past year.

1. Read this week's passage. What stands out from the text or sermon?

The imagery of sheep and their shepherd is found all over Scripture, from the first caretakers in the garden, Adam, Eve, and their son Abel, to Joseph, Abraham, and Moses. From David the shepherd boy and his psalms like Psalm 23 to imagery in Isaiah, Ezekiel, and eventually Jesus who uses the imagery of Himself.

### **Read Psalm 23 and Ezekiel 34:1-16**

2. What are the characteristics of a bad shepherd in these passages?
3. What are the characteristics of the sheep in these passages?
4. What are the characteristics of a good shepherd?
5. What difference is there in the life of the sheep when they have a good shepherd compared to a bad shepherd?
6. What does it mean for Jesus to be our good shepherd?
7. The Jews in the story struggle to believe Jesus is the Messiah, despite all the signs pointing to that reality. What parts of Jesus story are most difficult for you to believe?
8. What would solidify your belief in Jesus if it were true?

9. In this passage, sheep follow the voice of the Shepherd. Belief is active. In this case, what does it look like to listen to the voice of Jesus?
10. As we begin this year, what is one way you can make space for silence and stillness to listen to the Good Shepherd's voice?