

May 6, 2018

Message-Based Questions  
Searching for Happiness: Following the Shepherd  
John 10:1-16

1. Have you ever seen someone undermine his or her own happiness, that the person could not see? Discuss.
2. What are some characteristics of sheep and shepherds? What is it about sheep that makes them a good representation of human beings?
3. Read John 10:7-11, What are some reasons its difficult for people to believe that Jesus wants them to have life “abundantly” or to the full?
4. Twice in this passage Jesus emphasizes the truth and importance of what he was saying. What core message did he want them to understand?
5. What is the context of this passage? What had just happened, and why is that important?
6. How are we to understand Jesus statement that “. . . he shall go in and out and find pasture”? Does this have any connection to the “abundant life” he mentions later?
7. Pastor Rick mentioned that eventually pleasure loses its pleasure and becomes a prison. Romans 6:16, is this difficult for you to understand? Why or why not?
8. How dependent are sheep on their shepherd? What do they need from him? How does this translate to our relationship to Jesus?
9. Is there a pleasure in your life that is stealing your freedom and undermining your happiness? If so what changes would you have to make? How can the group help support you?
10. Discuss the connection between dependency on Jesus and the kind of happiness we have been leaning about the past few weeks.

