

Discussion Questions  
January 4, 2026 | John 10:1-21  
The Good Shepherd

UPWARDS – Growing in Our Relationship with God

1. What does it mean that the shepherd knows his sheep and calls them by name (John 10:3, 14)? How does that affect the way you view your relationship with Jesus?
2. What does the image of the shepherd going ahead of the sheep mean to you (John 10:4), and what does it teach us about trust and obedience?
3. How does knowing that Jesus protects the flock influence how you respond to fear or uncertainty?

INWARDS – Growing in Fellowship with One Another

4. What does Jesus mean when He says there will be “one flock and one shepherd” (John 10:16)? How does this shape our understanding of God’s people?
5. How does the value Jesus place on each individual sheep influence the way we relate to others?
6. How can we support one another in following Jesus, especially when someone struggles or feels distant from the shepherd?

OUTWARDS – Reaching Those Around Us

7. Jesus mentions “other sheep that are not of this sheepfold” and that He “must bring them also” (John 10:16). Who might these ‘other sheep’ be in your circle of influence or community today?
8. What is one intentional step you could take this week to reach out, serve, or show care to someone who may be an “other sheep”?
9. How can we reflect the shepherd’s welcoming and sacrificial love to those who feel excluded or far from God?