

# SERMON STUDY



## REFLECT

1. *Have you ever had something stolen from you?*
2. *What causes you to doubt your salvation? What do you do or who do you turn to when you experience doubt?*

## ENCOUNTER

Throughout history, one of the most beloved images of Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. He comforts his sheep. He feeds his sheep. He saves lost sheep. When we hear Jesus say “I am the good shepherd” in John 10, it’s likely that our minds naturally run to Psalm 23, the most famous psalm. “The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.” What may not be so natural for us is the implicit statement of deity in Jesus’ words. But Jesus’ original audience would have immediately caught the connection. LORD, or Yahweh, in Hebrew means something like “I am.” So when Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd,” he both describes the security he gives as shepherd and claims to be God. Now go back to Psalm 23 and study it together in light of Jesus our Good Shepherd.

3. *What similarities are there between John 10:1-30 and Psalm 23?*
4. *Make a list of promises of security from these verses.*
5. *How does Psalm 23 shape your perspective of Jesus in John 10?*

