

# Discussion Questions

## March 28 – April 3

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. Read **John 10:1-18** and **Matthew 9:36**. In what ways would you say the “lost sheep” (unbelievers) of this world are harassed and helpless in our culture today? Do you think Christians judge them more than having compassion for them?

2. Read **John 10:15-18** and **Philippians 2:8**. We said this weekend:

***As the Good Shepherd, Jesus chose death that we may receive eternal life through him.***

What goes through your mind knowing that Jesus, by his own volition, chose to lay down his life for us?

Read **John 10:7-9** and **Acts 4:12**. Jesus is the exclusive door to salvation. What are other ways people are deceived to believe they can experience salvation?

3. Read **John 10:14-15**. We said this weekend:

***As the Good Shepherd, Jesus offers unrivaled intimacy.***

Where do many people turn to in order to find ultimate intimacy in this world instead of Jesus? How does one cultivate a life of intimacy with Jesus?

4. Read **John 10:9-10** and **John 10:27-28**. We said this weekend:

***As the Good Shepherd, Jesus delivers eternal security.***

Where do people search for security in this life? How should our eternal security in Christ impact how we live daily?

5. Read **John 10:3-5** and **Matthew 9:36-38**. We said this weekend:

***As Jesus’ sheep, believers know and follow his Word...and...As Jesus’ sheep, believers model his compassion for the lost sheep of this world.***

Spend some time praying for the “lost sheep” in our world and, if comfortable, share specific names of family and friends. Also pray that God would send laborers into the world to share the good news of Jesus...including us.

## Bible References

### John 10:1-18

*10 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup> But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup> This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.*

*<sup>7</sup> So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."*

### Matthew 9:36

*<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

### Philippians 2:8

*8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

### Acts 4:12

*12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."*

### John 10:27-28

*<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

### Matthew 9:36-38

*<sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, "The*

*harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

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