

John 10:1-21

CG Discussion Guide// Week of April 30, 2023

INTRODUCTION

- Icebreaker: What is one thing you've only done once before but would love to do again?
- Take some time to pray for one another's needs and requests (refer to Prayer Guide as needed)
- Pray for Harbor Network sister church: Four Oaks Midtown, Tallahassee, FL (Pastor: Lance Olimb)
- Choose discussion questions, prayer guide, or abide time questions depending on your group's needs

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- This week's passage has quite a few verses that would be considered "Greatest Hits" from the Bible (such as v. 7, v. 10, v. 11, vv. 14-15 among others). Which of Jesus' titles, teachings, or claims about Himself and His work speak to you the most?
- Jesus speaks at length about how His sheep hear him and know His voice, in contrast to the voices of "strangers." How can we know Jesus' voice and distinguish it from others? What's the difference between Jesus' shepherding voice and the voice of "thieves, robbers, and strangers?"
 - If you are willing, please share an experience or testimony when you had to distinguish the voice of Jesus from other voices speaking into your life.
- Please share some stories and testimonies when Jesus was the Door of refuge and provision for you and when He proved to be a Good Shepherd to you.
- Have you ever been tempted to exclude "sheep not of this fold"? How does Jesus' desire to have "one flock under one shepherd" help you to fight against that temptation?
- What are some faithful ways, habits, or practices we can follow daily so we can hear and heed the voice of Jesus as our Shepherd?

Abide Time: Psalm 23

- What realities are you facing this week? What is occupying your thoughts? How do you feel?

- Read the passage and let God speak to you in your reality through his Word. Write down your reflections as God shepherds you:
 - What does the text say is true about God and his character?

 - What does it say about the world around you?

- How do your reflections above speak to your reality?

- What did you experience in your heart and soul as God spoke to you and your reality?

- What did you experience in your body, given your reflections and what you experienced in your heart and soul?

- How is God inviting you to live differently?

- What does all of what you shared above say about God and his relationship with you?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

The Bible promises that anything we ask for in Jesus' name – that is according to His will – shall be granted to us (John 14:13-14). In view of this great promise, the prayer requests are all grounded in Scripture. When we pray Scripture, we can be certain that we are praying according to God's will.

That does not mean God will grant our requests in our preferred time or according to our frail wisdom; but it does mean that we can pray confidently knowing that God delights to answer these requests, for they are His words.

Use the accompanying Scripture verses to shape and inform your prayers.

PRAY FOR YOURSELF & YOUR FAMILY:

- That your daily life will bring honor to the name of Jesus – (2 Thess. 1:11-12)
- That you will cast all of your anxieties on God – (1 Peter 5:6-7)
- That you will consider your trials as an opportunity for joy – (James 1:2-4)

PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH:

- That the power of Christ will rest on our church and ministries [Worship Gathering, Community Groups, Men/Women, Youth, Children, etc.] – (2 Cor. 12:9-10)
- That God will give us the wisdom and faith that we desperately need to continue in faithful mission – (James 1:5-8)
- That God will make us fruitful in ministry – (John 15:1-2) – and bold in witness – (Eph. 6:18-20)

PRAY FOR OUR CITY:

- That God will give wisdom to our government (local, state, and national) that we may lead peaceful, godly lives – (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- That the Lord will continue to provide open doors of gospel ministry in IU and the Bloomington community – (1 Corinthians 16:9)
- That the work of God will be displayed in the lives of the members of our sister churches – (John 9:3)

PRAY FOR OUR WORLD:

- That the persecuted church will find fellowship with Jesus as they share in his sufferings – (Philippians 3:10-11)
- That the Lord of the harvest will send out more workers to unreached people groups because they have been gripped by Paul's missionary logic in Romans 10:13-17 – (Matthew 9:37-38)
- That Christ will return bringing the fullness of salvation with him – (Revelation 22:20)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- April 30 to August 20: CG Summer Rhythms!
- May 3: Members Meeting
- May 10: Redeemer Men
- May 14: Mothers' Day
- May 21: Redeemer-in-10
- June 7: Redeemer Women

Reminder: All events are listed in the Events tab in our Redeemer app. You can RSVP for specific events by going to the Events tab, clicking on an event, and following the link to register.

SUMMER RHYTHMS 2023 (Off-weeks can be used for rest, hangouts, outings, outreach/service, etc.)

- **Week of April 30: CG Week**
- ***Week of May 7: Off Week***
- **Week of May 14: CG Week**
- ***Week of May 21: Off Week***
- **Week of May 28: CG Week**
- ***Week of June 4: Off Week***
- **Week of June 11: CG Week**
- ***Week of June 18: Off Week***
- **Week of June 25: CG Week**
- ***Week of July 2: Off Week***
- **Week of July 9: CG Week**
- ***Week of July 16: Off Week***
- **Week of July 23: CG Week**
- ***Week of July 30: Off Week***
- **Week of August 6: CG Week**
- ***Week of August 13: Off Week***
- **Week of 20 August: BACK TO NORMAL RHYTHMS!**