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Study guide



John 10:11-21

For Individuals and Life Groups

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## Introduction:

Writing 60 or 70 years after Jesus was on the earth, John, one of Jesus' followers wrote to the world regarding Jesus. The Gospel of John can be summarized in the last few verses: "Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:30–31). John wrote to a world who was not an eyewitness to the life of Christ and through the book of John we see John emphasize who Jesus really was and what he came to do. The "I am" statements made by Jesus give us a clear and powerful picture of how Jesus viewed himself and what that means for today.

## Into the scriptures



Read: John 10:11-21

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...)

In verses 1-10 Jesus speaks of himself as "the gate", now he transitions and speaks of himself as "the good Shepherd". What is Jesus communicating to:

- His disciples?
- The religious leaders?
- The crowd?

What does this passage say about Jesus? About the Father? About Followers? What is the relationship between them?

Read John 10:22-42. What claim does Jesus now make in front of the religious leaders? How did they understand his statement? What did he use to back up his statement (37-39)?

## Into my life



Jesus calls us sheep. How do you respond to this? Do you feel like you need constant attention? Why not?

How is Jesus your good shepherd? How does he need to be your good shepherd?

There is a concept in this passage that we are sheep together. How involved are you in the life of your church? What step could you take to be an active part of this family?

Jesus speaks of wolves in this passage. What are the “wolves” (false teaching, distractions, lies, etc.) that are pulling you away from Jesus? How can you identify them? How can you fight against them? (Pray for each other in this)

## Into the world



What questions do you need to ask of your group, in order to live out this passage in your community this week? Be specific.



## Prayer List



## Challenge for the week:

From John 10 my challenge this week is to:



## More Resources for personal and group use:



Websites:

[intothyword.org/pages.asp?pageid=83385](http://intothyword.org/pages.asp?pageid=83385)

[bible.org/series/commentary-gospel-john](http://bible.org/series/commentary-gospel-john)

[westwoodchurch.bc.ca/teaching](http://westwoodchurch.bc.ca/teaching)



Book:



**The Gospel of John** by Paul Louis Metzger

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We believe that God changes lives!

That motivates us to...

Bring Jesus into Life

By...

...becoming an increasingly healthy, vibrant and effective witness for Jesus in Prince George and around the world!

We do this by engaging in three things:



## GATHER

Sunday mornings to celebrate and learn about God



## GROUPS

Weekly meetings that go deeper in relationships with each other and God



## GO

Serving in the church and community to present Jesus to the world