Study Guide on John 10:1-15

New International Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.
Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.
1. What does this verse say?
2. What does this verse mean to me?
3. Discuss your answers with the class.

John 10:1-15

(John 10:1) “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.

(John 10:2) The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.

(John 10:3) The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

(John 10:4) When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.

(John 10:5) But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.”

(John 10:6) Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

(John 10:7) Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.

(John 10:8) All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.

(John 10:9) I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.

(John 10:10) The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

(John 10:11) “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

(John 10:12) The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it.

(John 10:13) The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

(John 10:14) "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—

(John 10:15) just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

Write the verse or verses you have been assigned in the space below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?

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