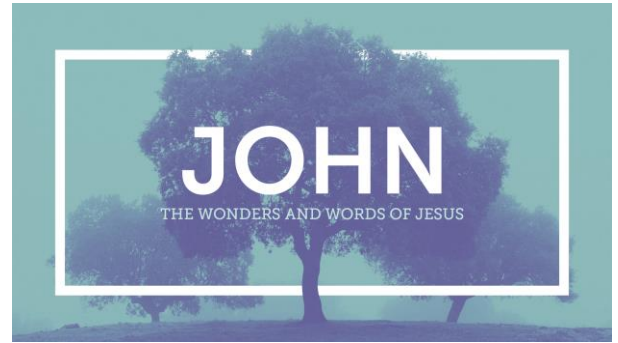


This Week's Scripture: John 10:1-10 (The Door We Must Enter and the Voice We Must Follow)

Previous Week Victory: Did anyone have an opportunity to speak to their children, or anyone else, about people with disabilities, disease, etc. and how God may have chosen them to reveal His glory?



Main Points Today:

1. Jesus is the Shepherd Who's Voice You Must Follow
2. Jesus is the Door You Must Enter

Introduction: Whether as a teenager, 20 something or adult...have you ever snuck into somewhere you wanted to go? Who talked you into doing it, what was the reason you had to sneak in and what was the result of the endeavor?

Discussion Point 1 (Jesus is the Shepherd Who's Voice You Must Follow)

Speak to of a time/situation in which you listened to the voice of someone you shouldn't have. Why did you listen in the first place and, looking back, what were the signs that maybe you shouldn't have?

Who is the most influential person in your life today, and why?

How does your relationship with Jesus compare to that of the most influential person in your life?

When was the most memorable time you remember following Jesus's voice? What did you learn from that experience?

Discussion Point 2 (Jesus is the Door You Must Enter):

Referring to your story of sneaking in somewhere, what was the locations reason for having criteria at the door to get in? What would be the consequences of not having such requirements?

God has specific criteria for getting into Heaven (Believe in Jesus), no one gets to sneak in. Why do you believe it is that way?

Why doesn't, or shouldn't, everyone get a pass to get into Heaven?

Living It Out

Some may be taken back by the idea of being compared to sheep, however, spiritually, we are exactly that and in desperate need of a shepherd. Without one, we are lost, roaming and in danger. Sure we may make our way through life, but what is ultimately waiting for us is eternal suffering.

Consider God's criteria for getting into Heaven and ensure you have obtained it. Then be willing to share such criteria with your immediate family and friends. Possibly use an opening question like the one used for this guide, with someone you know and see if it doesn't lead to an opportunity to share the Gospel message with someone, or reaffirm the Gospel message with those who are familiar with it.
