



In the Flesh – John 10

February 11 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with an icebreaker, a Scripture reading, and prayer (15 minutes).

Begin your time together by sharing your highs and lows from the past week.

Next, spend some time reading out loud together the Scripture for this week: **John 10**.

After reading, have someone pray for your group time together.

Discuss the Scripture and the sermon as a group (30 minutes).

Take a few moments to reflect on the following questions:

- Begin by having everyone share their answer to Dan's opening question: "Who are the people you trust most in life?" What is it about them that makes you trust them? Have you ever had your trust broken by leaders you trust? Explain.
- Israel lacked good shepherding leadership. **Read Ezekiel 34:1-16**. What is the issue that God addresses with Israel's leaders in these verses? How does God say he will fix the issues?
- Now, take a few moments to consider a couple other passages. What do passages like **Jeremiah 23:1-6** and **Isaiah 40:11** say about Israel's leadership issues and God's coming to shepherd his people respectively?
- Next, how does **John 10** specifically showcase how Jesus is the fulfillment of God coming to shepherd his people? Have each person pick out the verse they think most displays this!
- Now, let's get personal: do you ever struggle with trusting Jesus? Why or why not? If so, how so? If not, what gives you the assurance that you have?

- Think through the four points Dan articulated in his message about why we can trust Jesus as the Good Shepherd. He said we can trust Jesus because (1) He knows you; (2) He provides for you; (3) He protects you; and (4) Jesus lays down his life for you. Which of these resonated with you most? Why?
- As Jesus' sheep, which of those four truths do you need to carry into your life this week and remember?
- As Jesus' sheep, what response should we have to the facts that Jesus knows us, provides for us, protects us, and has laid down his life for us?

Like last week, break into gendered groups for accountability, encouragement, and prayer (20 minutes).

- How is your prayer life? Are you prayerful? Are you enjoying prayer? Explain.
- How have the Scriptures been living in you lately?
- How have you been doing loving the people in your life this week? Spouse? Kids? Co-workers? Have you been unloving in any way?
- When did you last speak to someone else about your faith?
- Is Christ real to you?
- Where do you need encouragement in your faith?

As you wrap up, have each person pray for the person on their right – be sure to include in your prayer help for the things shared and God's blessing to be on that person to live into what God has for them this upcoming week.

Finish with logistics and prayer (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through gospel of John series! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Share any logistics that you need to with your group!
3. Finish your group session by sharing prayer requests and praying.