

John 10:1-6

Hearing: (*Read “Context” and then John 10:11-16. Then pray for God’s grace to understand.*)

- Before we dive in, what comes to mind when you think about sheep? A shepherd? What is their relationship? Do you recall other stories in the Bible about sheep? What are some things that you heard in the sermon on Sunday?
- In verse 11, Jesus said that he is “the good shepherd.” In verse 12, he described a “hired hand” who is not “a shepherd.” Both the shepherd and the hired hand tend the sheep, so what distinction did Jesus make and why is it important?
- In verse 16, Jesus referred to sheep that are of “this fold” and “not of this fold.” Who are these two groups of people? Why is he concerned about the sheep that are “not of this fold?” What will cause them to be of “one flock?”
- A shepherd builds trust with his flock over time by taking good care of his sheep. How has Jesus demonstrated that we can trust him? Have you given Jesus the opportunity to demonstrate that you can trust him in all things? How can you deepen that trust?
- Sheep recognize the shepherd’s voice and come to him when he calls. Jesus said in verse 14, “I know my own and my own know me.” Who did Jesus refer to when he said, “my own?” What are some ways that we can learn to recognize and respond to Jesus’ voice?

Obeying (application):

- Following on from the final question, spend some time this week thinking about the “voice” that you respond to. How can you become more attuned to distinguishing between the “hired hands” voice and “the good shepherd’s” voice?

Announcements

- Through the Domestic Disaster Response Network, the Anglican Relief & Development Fund is hosting a Disaster Relief Mission Trip to Rolling Fork, MS, June 9-15. Contact Bill and Shelly Sorem for more details! (bsorem@yahoo.com)
- The Missions Design team would like to invite everyone to check out The Riverside Project and their upcoming Celebration Breakfast. Apostles has loved watching The Riverside Project flourish over the last several years and is looking at how to partner long-term. They work to transform the foster care system in Houston. You can find out more about the event at riversideproject.org/celebrate and contact Ashley Cadis for more details (ashley@nathancadis.com).