

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS (July 23, 2017)

Bleat: The Sound of Worship

(John 10)

Small Group Study Notes

Getting to Know You: What is the most annoying sound you have ever heard?

Explain/Elaborate

Ask:

- Has anyone ever had any experience with sheep? What are those experiences? What do you know about sheep?
- In this passage Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd of His sheep. Why would he call his followers sheep?

1) The Shepherd's Relationship to His Sheep (vs 1-5)

- What is the significance of the Gatekeeper of the Sheepfold?
- A Good Shepherd calls His sheep by Name. What name/characteristic would Jesus call you?
- How do we "hear the voice" of the Shepherd and follow. In what ways is the Shepherd speaking? (Hebrews 1)

2) The Shepherd's Provision for His Sheep (vs 6-10)

- Jesus says, "I am the Door." What does He mean?
- Who are the "thieves and robbers" who came before?
- What is "life abundantly?" How do we get it?

3) The Shepherd's Heart for His Sheep (vs 11-18)

- What level of intimacy can we/should we have with Jesus?
- What "other sheep" are not of the fold that Jesus is bringing along? Who is he referring to?
- Explain the first time you fully grasped the sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. His sacrifice is His heart for His Sheep and He laid down his life. Can you describe as best as possible the weight of that?

Close in Prayer