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OUR MISSION is to make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

Matt. 18:17 (Church Life)

1 If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

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SERMON GUIDE

SEEING THE TRUE SHEPHERD

John 10:14-30

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

- S**cripture that stands out to you while you read
- O**bservations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you
- A**pplication that connect the verses to your real life and relationships
- P**rayers that invite God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

Conversation Questions

Setting The Table: In our reading, Jesus reaffirms His intimate knowledge of His sheep, the security they have in His hand, and the unity He shares with the Father. These verses include some of the most powerful claims Jesus makes about His identity and authority—culminating in the statement, “I and the Father are one” (v. 30).

For Christians, understanding this passage means grappling with the assurance Jesus gives his followers and the astonishing unity that he claims to have with the Father.

In your own words, what does the word “assurance” mean for you in your relationship with God? Do you feel like you have a strong sense of God’s love and favor on a day in and day out basis?

Read John 10:14-31

- S** What do you love most about what you just read? What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read these scriptures? Is anything jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O** Take some time to make as many observations as you can about the Father and the Son.
 - What are they like?
 - What kinds of words would you use to describe their relationship?
- O** Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.”
 - How is your heart responding to this promise? Why? Does it convict, challenge, comfort...? What is your heart response?
 - Is there anything in this statement that is particularly difficult for you to believe? Why?
- A** If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- A** Are you able to rest in the promises and love of Jesus right now? What would that look like this week? Ask God for grace to do that.
- P** Talk to God about your application responses above. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction that you need.