



## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP STUDY

### WEEK 4: JOHN 9-10

#### WARM UP

- What gets you really fired up (angry)?
- What gets you really fired up about Christians and church leaders (in general, not CBC)?

#### THE BAD SHEPHERDS

**1) Read John 9:1-12.** Jesus does *another* good thing: he heals a man born blind! Describe the worldview evident in the disciples' question in verse 2. Is this worldview still present today? Where do you see it?

**2)** How does Jesus counter this worldview (in v3-5)? How does this help you understand sin, judgement and healing in general? What questions still remain for you?

**3) Read John 9:13-34.** What objections do some of the Pharisees have? What specifically do they do to the man and his family because of their objections?

**4)** Verse 34 suggests they didn't change their worldview at all, even though a miracle happened in front of them! Why are people (& worldviews) so resistant to change?

**5) Read John 9:35-41.** What is the big lesson Jesus is wanting to teach here? How do you see this form of "judgement" playing out in our world today?

## **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**6) Read John 10:1-10.** Identify: Who are the "thieves and robbers"? Who are "the sheep"? Who is "the gate"? What's the big point Jesus is making here about the Pharisees? How could you apply it to the Church today?

7) John 10:10 is a very famous verse, but it doesn't mean what a lot of people think it means. Who is "the thief"? (hint: it's not the devil) So what is Jesus saying?

**8) Read John 10:11-21.** Identify: Who is the "good shepherd"? Who is the "hired hand"? Who is the "wolf"? What qualities make Jesus different from the Pharisees?

**9)** God still works through and appoints human leaders in the Church (cf. Eph 4:11-13), but they are imperfect. What comfort do you find in the reality that Jesus is (and always will be) your Good Shepherd?

**10)** Every Christian is called to shepherd (i.e. care for, protect, guide, provide for) other Christians. Are you more like Jesus, the "hired hand", or the "thief"?

## **BRING IT HOME**

- Is there anything you need to confess to God?
- Is there an action you need to commit to doing?