SMITH FOR CHRIST

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REFLECTION JOURNAL · FIVE DAYS

# John

## *Chapter 10*

*The Door and the Good Shepherd*

MEMORY VERSE · JOHN 10:27–28

*"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand."*

THIS JOURNAL BELONGS TO _____

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

# This week in John 10

John 10 tells you who is guarding the gate and who is holding you. This week, listen for the Shepherd's voice above every other voice, follow Him one step at a time, and rest in the grip of the One who laid down His life for you and will not let go.

**How to use this journal**

1. Each day, read the passage slowly — out loud if you can.
2. Answer the **Observe** question from the text before you write what it means.
3. Write honestly on the **Reflect** questions. No one grades this.
4. Do the **Respond** step today, not someday. Say the memory verse.
5. Bring this journal to the group. The last page is for the table.

The full Deep Dive, the O·I·A study and the slides for this chapter are on the John study page.

WHERE I AM AS I START THIS CHAPTER

**What is going on in my life right now that I want to bring to God this week?**

DAY 1 OF 5

# The Door of the Sheep

READ · JOHN 10:1–10

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**List everything the shepherd does in verses 2–4 and everything the thief does in verses 1 and 10. What two things does Jesus say "I am" in verses 7 and 9?**

REFLECT

**"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy" (v. 10). What has the thief stolen or tried to destroy in your life, and what does Jesus offer in its place?**

REFLECT

**Jesus says "I am the door" (v. 9), not one door among many. What other doors have you tried, and what did you find on the other side?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write down one "door" you have trusted besides Jesus. Pray it out loud: "Jesus, You are the door; I come in through You."**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 10:27–28)

DAY 2 OF 5

# The Good Shepherd Lays Down His Life

READ · JOHN 10:11–21

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**How many times does Jesus say He lays down His life in verses 11–18? What does the hired hand do when the wolf comes (vv. 12–13)?**

REFLECT

**"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative" (v. 18). What does it mean to you that Jesus chose the cross for you — that no one forced Him?**

REFLECT

**The hired hand runs because the sheep are not his (v. 13). Where have you acted like a hired hand with the people God has put in your care?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Do one costly thing today for someone God has given you to care for — the thing a hired hand would skip.**

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DAY 3 OF 5

# Safe in Two Hands

READ · JOHN 10:22–30

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**What did the crowd demand in verse 24? Write out the three things Jesus' sheep do and the three things He gives or promises them in verses 27–28.**

REFLECT

**"My sheep hear My voice" (v. 27). Which other voices get the most airtime in your head, and how do you tell the Shepherd's voice from theirs?**

REFLECT

**Jesus says no one will snatch His sheep out of His hand or the Father's (vv. 28–29). What fear about falling away or being let go do these verses answer for you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Write verses 27–28 on a card and read it every time the old fear shows up today. Thank Jesus for holding on to you.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 10:27–28)

DAY 4 OF 5

# The Scripture Cannot Be Broken

READ · JOHN 10:31–38

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Why did the Jews pick up stones (v. 33)? What two things does Jesus point to as evidence in verses 35–38?**

REFLECT

**They said, "You, being a man, make Yourself out to be God" (v. 33). How would you explain to a friend who Jesus says He is in verses 30 and 36?**

REFLECT

**Jesus said "the Scripture cannot be broken" (v. 35). Where have you been treating part of God's Word as optional, and what would it look like to take it as He did?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Pick one verse you have been ignoring or arguing with, and obey it today.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 10:27–28)

DAY 5 OF 5

# Many Believed in Him There

READ · JOHN 10:39–42

OBSERVE — WHAT DOES IT SAY?

**Where did Jesus go in verse 40, and what did the people there say about John the Baptist in verse 41?**

REFLECT

**“John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true” (v. 41). John never did a miracle, but his words pointed people to Jesus. Whose plain words pointed you to Him?**

REFLECT

**In Jerusalem they picked up stones; beyond the Jordan “many believed in Him” (vv. 31, 42). Where might God be opening a door for the gospel that looks unlikely to you?**

RESPOND — TODAY

**Thank God by name for the person who first told you the truth about Jesus — and if you can, tell that person this week.**

☐ READ IT ☐ PRAYED IT ☐ SAID THE MEMORY VERSE (JOHN 10:27–28)

WHEN THE GROUP MEETS

# Questions for the table

FOR THE GROUP · 1

**“He calls his own sheep by name” (v. 3). What does it do to a man to be known by name rather than by his number, his record or his addiction?**

FOR THE GROUP · 2

**Jesus said, “I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also” (v. 16). Who are the “other sheep” around us that this group should be praying for and reaching?**

FOR THE GROUP · 3

**“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly” (v. 10). Where have you seen abundant life in a brother here even in a hard place?**

MY PRAYER

**Good Shepherd, You laid down Your life for me and no one can snatch me out of Your hand, so today I ask You…**

CUT OUT · CARRY IT · JOHN 10:27–28

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