

# king's chapel

## *Community Group Discussion Guide*

Week of June 19, 2016

**This Week's Focus:** Jesus is the door and the good shepherd who loves, leads, protects, and provides for his sheep.

**This Week's Text:** John 10:1-11

"For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice."

**Ezekiel 34:11-16**

### **Observations and Questions for Discussion:**

- What are your general impressions about this week's passage of Scripture?
- What is the parable or allegory that Jesus uses in chapter 10? Why did Jesus speak in figurative language?
- What security measures were used for the sheep pen in the first century? What is Jesus teaching us about himself by the metaphor, "I am the door of the sheep" in verse 8?
- Who are the thieves and robbers that Jesus describes in this parable? What is their aim? How has God prepared a way to lead and protect his people? Reference Ezekiel 34:1-16.

- Discuss the following benefits of being in the Good Shepherd's fold: salvation, safety, satisfaction, and surplus. Discuss the exclusivity of Jesus' claims as *the* door and *the* shepherd. Does verse 9 imply that we can lose our salvation? Are there idols in your life from which you are seeking satisfaction? What is the abundant life that Jesus offers all those who believe in him?
- How is Jesus unlike any other shepherd? Reference verse 11.
- How does the passage encourage you to declare and demonstrate the gospel in your community and spheres of influence?