

## Home Group Questions – Hearing God in Life - John 10:22-30

At the beginning of Sunday's sermon I encouraged us to ponder what we think of when it comes to the relationship between a shepherd and their sheep and I encourage you to think about that again, perhaps taking a few moments to discuss your different view points with one and another. **Does the relationship of a shepherd to sheep make you comfortable or uncomfortable, or something very different?**

As we read in the passage, this interchange between the Pharisees and Jesus happened in the temple courts around the Festival of Dedication, a celebration of light and how it seemed ironic that light was being celebrated, yet the Pharisees remained in darkness because they were hearing Jesus' words, but they didn't truly know Him.

I wonder if there are times in our lives where we feel in the dark, perhaps life circumstances are tricky and we lose sight of who Jesus truly is. The fact that He is good, He is love, He is always present, He works all things for our good and so much more.

**What are the tools in your metaphorical tool box that you use to help you in those situations, help you to remember who Jesus is?**

Candles, Bible verses, a holding cross, a photo, times in the past where you have sensed God speak to you are just a few... **Maybe take some time as a group to share with one and another the ways in which you can remember His truth.**

The passage speaks powerfully of the truth that we have eternal and everlasting life and security in God when we say yes to relationship with Him. With that relationship comes many different elements, one significant part that we can both speak to God and we can hear from Him. On Sunday we explored how God speaks to us in different ways and sometimes they are warm, encouraging and uplifting words and other times they are more challenging and uncomfortable.

**How do you speak to God?** Maybe through journaling, prayer, silence, knitting, walking to name a few...

Now, take a moment to think back to a time where you have sensed God speaking to you – **how did He speak to you? Were they words of encouragement, challenge or both? What impact did it have on you?** If you feel comfortable, maybe share with the rest of the group or just ponder it in your heart and mind.

**Finally, I encourage you to spend some time in silence, making space to hear from God.**

He's always speaking to us, we just have to make ourselves available and open to what He might just want to say remembering that He knows us, He desires the best for us, He always speaks truth and loves us more than we could ever know.

Be blessed,  
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