John 10

Discussion Starter
 Why does the gospel of Jesus inevitably divide people?

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1. Jesus explains the metaphor of vv.1-6 in two stages. In vv. 7-10 Jesus explains what it means that he is the gate for the sheep. What does it mean that Jesus is the gate?

2. In vv.11-18 Jesus explains what it means that he is the "good shepherd." What does it mean that Jesus is the "good shepherd"?

3. What can you do so that you are better equipped to recognize the voice of the "good shepherd"?

4. John 10:10 has been translated life to the full, living life to the full, having life more abundantly, life in all its fullness and far more life than before. Describe what you think Jesus means.

5. To what degree is this quality of life a reality to you? What qualities in your life might convince an unbeliever that you possess the full life Jesus gives? How might you experience this abundant life to a greater degree? 10:14-15

6. What are some examples of the way that Jesus knows you? How well do you know Jesus?

7. How intimate (having a close, personal relationship) does Jesus expect to be with his sheep (10:15)? On a scale of 1 to 10, how would you rate your intimacy with Jesus? How do you feel about Jesus' desire for intimacy with you?

8. Who are the other sheep not of this pen that Jesus speaks of in 10:16, who will also be brought into the flock? (Matthew 28:19, Romans 1:16 and Revelation 7:9-10 may help you in your answer.)

9. If you consider yourself a sheep belonging to the Good Shepherd, what will characterize your life (10:27)?