

## Digging Deeper into John 10:11-18

### Chat

- Think of a time you've seen sheep on a farm or in a field as you've been out for a walk. What are they like?
- In what ways do you think people might be like sheep?



### Study

Read Isaiah 40:9-11

- What is the good news that is called out to the people of Israel?
- What picture does v.11 create in your mind?

Jesus takes this picture of God as a caring shepherd and applies it to himself

Read John 10:11-18

- Compare the hired hand with the good shepherd (v.11-13).
- The word translated 'good' can mean 'worthy' or 'model'. If leaders took Jesus as their model, what would their leadership look like?
- What does Jesus say about the good shepherd laying down his life (v.11, 17-18)?  
Think about what you know about Jesus' death and resurrection: how do these verses (11, 17-18) give an extra insight into what happened?
- What do you think Jesus is saying about the relationship between his people (the sheep), himself and God the Father (v.14-15)?
- Who are the 'other sheep' who will also listen to his voice and come into the fold (v.16) (Jesus was talking to Jewish people when he said these words)?

### Think

- How do we hear the voice of Jesus?
- Knowing that Jesus takes on the role of shepherd of his people, **read Psalm 23** and picture in your mind Jesus shepherding you in this way.
- How does this picture of Jesus as 'the good shepherd' make you feel? How do you want to respond?

